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Sec. of Treasury; Mint Bureau; Treasurer of U.S.;

Budget Office

Presscopies of letters and telegrams sent from U.S. Mint headquarters to various official and individual recipients.

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January 1, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of section twenty-five of the Act of August 27, 1894, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 4, 1921.

Superintendent of Mail,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 23, 1920, relative to the number of documents received and distributed during the calendar year 1920, the following is submitted:

Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, fiscal year 1918, also Report on the Production of Precious Metals, calendar year 1917, Document #2822.

March 20, 1920: Copies received	100
Sent out by Bureau of the Mint	98

Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919 including Report on the Production of Precious Metals during the Calendar year 1918, Document #2849.

July 27, 1920: Copies received	300
Sent out by Bureau of the Mint	226

Annual Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1920, including Report on Production of Precious Metals during the calendar year 1919, Document #2874.

Total Copies	1,500
December 1920, number of franks sent to the Superintendent of Documents	804
Sent out by Bureau of the Mint	119
Total Distributed	923

Proceedings of the Assay Commission 1920, Test of Coinage Executed and Reserved during the Calendar Year 1919, Document, #2864.

Total Printed June 29, 1920,	200
Copies sent out by Mint Bureau	142
Balance	58

Respectfully,

Direc[illegible] the Mint.

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January 5, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with Section 7, of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Appropriations Act, approved March 1, 1896, that the business of this office for the month ended December 31, 1920, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RECLASSIFICATION COMMISSION

SEMI-MONTHLY REPORT FROM UNIT 42.

The Chief of the
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions I beg to report to the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Salaries that there were no changes in the duties of the employees of this Bureau, and no changes in the membership during the period ended December 31, 1920.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith, Semiannual Return of Ordnance and Ordnance Stores in the Office of the Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office, New York, N.Y., for the period ended December 31, 1920.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1921.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The following named employee of the United States Mint at Philadelphia will reach the retirement age on February 13, 1921:

Patrick J. Costello, Helper @ $4.50 per diem.

The Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia has recommended and I concur in his recommendation that this man shall be retained in the service for a period of not to exceed two years under the terms of Section 6 of the Retirement Act of May 23, 1920.

I have the honor to state that the services of Mr. Costello are valuable to the government and that he is in good physical condition, which permits him to perform the duties of his position in an efficient manner. It is to the interest of the government that this man be retained.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that Mrs. Mary E. Thorne, helper at $3.25 per diem in the United States Mint at Philadelphia, has reached the retirement age.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has recommended and I concur in his recommendation that Mrs. Thorne shall be retained in the service for a period of not to exceed two years under the terms of Section 6 of the Retirement Act of May 22, 1920.

I beg further to state that the services of Mrs. Thorne are valuable to the government and that she is in good physical condition, which permits her to perform the duties of her position in an efficient manner. It is to the interest of the government that she be retained.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1921.

Honorable S. P. Gilbert, Jr.,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received today from the Superintendent of the United States Assay Office in New York, regarding an inquiry from the National City Bank about a deposit of 15 million German Marks to be shipped to the National City Bank from Skandinaviska-Kredit-Aktie Bolaget, Stockholm, Sweden, and also copy of letter of this Bureau in reply to Mr. Bovie's communication.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1921.

Honorable S.A Gilbert, Jr.,
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have th honor to transmit herewith, for your information, copy of correspondence regarding gold bearing the Swedish Royal Mint stamp whic the Aeronautical Equipment, Inc., desires to sell to the Unied States Assay Office in New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Printing & Stationery).

Sir:

With reference to Treasury Department Circular #153 of June 16, 1920, I have to advise that no printing, binding, or blank book work has been done for the Mint Service during the quarter ended December 31, 1920, other than at the Government Printing Office in Washington.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

January 10, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith, application of Kate E. Kennedy for retirement under the terms of the Act of May 22, 1920, and recommend that favorable action be taken upon this request, the date of the termination of her service to be January 28, 1921.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 8, 1921.

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully recommend that you appoint the following members of the Annual Assay Commission, which will meet at the Philadelphia Mint on the 9th of February, 1921, in accordance with Section 3547 of the Revised Statutes:-

Mrs. Emmons Blaine, Chicago, Illinois.
Mr. Judson Brenner, Youngstown, Ohio.
Mr. John E. Davies, Twin Falls, Idaho.
Mr. W. B. Osgood Field, New York City.
Mr. Louis Fisher, Bureau of Standards.
Mr. James E. Fraser, New York City.
Mr. Seymour P. Gilbert, Bloomfield, N. J.
Mr. John M. Graham, Rome, Georgia.
Mr. John Heck, Jersey City, N. J.
Dr. J. M. Henderson, Columbus, Ohio.
Senator Henry W. Keyes.
Mr. Albert Levitt, George Washington University.
Dr. George P. Merrill, Smithsonian Institution.
Mr. C. A. McLain, Harvard University.
Mr. Joseph C. Phelan, Lynn, Massachusetts.
Mr. Lweis B. Preston, New York City.
Mrs. Katherine S. Reynolds, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Mr. Arthur L. Thomas, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Representative Vestal.

The Comptroller of the Currency.
The Judge of the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
The Assayer, U. S. Assay Office, New York.
} Ex-officio members.

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The duty of the Commission is to test the weight and fineness of the coins reserved by the several mints of the United States during the calendar year 1920. At all the mints, out of every delivery of coin to the Treasury, a certain number of pieces are taken and forwarded under seal to the Philadelphia Mint for examination by the Commission in order to secure due conformity in the gold and silver coins to their respective standards of fineness and weight. The law provides that the Commission shall consist of the Judge of the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Assayer of the Assay Office at New York and such other persons as the President shall designate.

No compensation is provided for the members of the Commission, but their actual and necessary expenses to and from Philadelphia by the most direct route and while in attendance are reimbursed.

Faithfully yours,

L. L. Nash

The President,
The White House.

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January 12, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Navy Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a specimen card formerly used by the United States Mint at Philadelphia in the time clocks. The Superintendent has recently changed the system of recording time at the Mint and has on hand 15,000 cards like the sample. Will you please advise me if the cards could be utilized by any of the institutions under your jurisdiction.

If the cards can be used by any branch of the Navy, this office will be glad to direct the Superintendent to forward them to an destination you may indicate without charge other than the cost of transportation.

Respectfully,

M. McRaith

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 12, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In accordance with your circular letter of October 20, 1919, I am enclosing herewith the inventory of Government property in this Bureau.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.

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January 10, 1921.

The Honorable Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint, regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption, and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, and request that same be transmitted to representatives of the United States accredited to the foreign Governments indicated on the face of the interrogatories. A few copies of comparative tables, compiled principally from answers to interrogatories of prior years, are also being forwarded with the current interrogatories, with the suggestion that they be distributed by United States representatives where they may stimulate interest in answers which will provide information for making future similar tables more complete.

The information elicited by these interrogatories is for the use of the Director of the Mint, who for many years has collected and published statistics relating to the matter specified.

It is suggested that the following possible sources of information, regarding these subjects, be enumerated for the guidance of the representatives to whom these inquiries are addressed: Government Treasuries; Finance Departments; Mints; Statistical Bureaus; Mining and Geological Bureaus; Boards of Trade and Commerce; Customs Bureaus; Scientific Societies (especially Mining and Engineering), and technical experts of recognized standing. This suggestion is made for the reason that inquiries have, at times, been dropped because the information could not be obtained from one source, when it might have been obtained from other sources.

It will greatly facilitate the compilation of statistics if the United States representatives follow up their inquiries, thus contributing to expedite matters, and forward answers directly to The Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., so as to reach him by October 1st. Data received after that date are too late for publication the current year.

The cooperation of the State Department and its representatives abroad will be highly appreciated by the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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January 13, 1921.

Dear Mr. Engelken:

I have your letter of January 6, requesting an appointment to membership on the Annual Assay Commission.

The President has already appointed the members of the Commission and for that reason I regret that it is too late to consider your name in this connection.

Very truly yours,

L. A. Norton,

Secretary.

Hon. F. H. Engelken.
East Palatka, Florida.

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January 14, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Referring to letter of the Civil Service Commission of January 8, referred to this Bureau January 12, inquiring as to the date on which the request for continuance in the service of William Capehart was initiated, I beg to state that the request for the continuance of Mr. Capehart in the service was received in this Bureau on December 18, 1920, from the Superintendent of the Mint and on that date forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Appointments.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 15, 1921.

The Honorable
The Attorney General.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 7, (RPS WHR 213436-1) enclosing copies of correspondence regarding certain deposits received at the Mint, Philadelphia, from the Ohio Smelting Company or other persons or firms in Cleveland, Ohio.

It will not be possible to secure from the Mint at Philadelphia the desired description of gold, silver and platinum received by the Mint from the Ohio Smelting Company and other persons and firms which may be investigated by the Police Department of the City of Cleveland, nor the voluntary testimony of Mint officials qualified to testify generally as to such deposits. If specific information with regard to any such deposit is desired by the authorities of the City of Cleveland, it is suggested that interrogatories on the points as to which information is desired be transmitted to the Director of the Mint at Washington, who will then give instructions to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia covering such information as may be available.

If the Department of Justice has any information affecting the integrity of the Ohio Smelting Company, it is requested that this Department be advised in order that appropriate instructions may be given to United States Mints and Assay Offices as to deposits from that company.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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January 15, 1921.

Dear Mr. Wetherill:

I received your letter of December 29, 1920, and regret that the pressure of public business at this time will prevent me from accepting your courteous invitation to address the Board of Trade of Philadelphia in the near future.

I have noted particularly that part of your letter which relates to the letter of Mr. E. D. van Loben Sels in opposition to purchases of silver under the Pittman Act at the fixed price of $1 an ounce. In order that you may understand the situation as to Pittman Act purchases, I enclose copies of the Act and of the letter of March 30, 1918, addressed by Secretary McAdoo to Senator Pittman at the time the bill was pending in Congress. This letter explains in detail the circumstances in which the Pittman Act was passed, and states the purposes of the legislation. The Act must be regarded as a whole, and not simply from the point of view of the purchases of domestic silver now being made at the fixed price of $1 an ounce, in spite of lower world market prices. When operations under the Act have been completed and consequently there should be no loss to the Government. The payments to the United States for silver sold should somewhat more than balance payments by the United States for silver purchased,

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operations under the Pittman Act are summarized in the Annual Reports of the Secretary of the Treasury for the years 1918, 1919, and 1920, under the heading "Silver".

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Mr. Webster King Wetherill,
President, Aldine Trust Company,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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January 17, 1921.

Honorable Verne M. Bovie,
Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington, D.C. for the purpose of attending a conference in this office on business connected with your institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expense, United States Assay Office at New York, 1921.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

S. T. Gilbert

Assistant Secretary.

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January 19, 1921.

Dear Senator Harris:

Referring to your recent call at the Department for the purpose of recommending the appointment of Mr. John M. Graham, President, City National Bank, Rome, Georgia, to membership on the Annual Army Commission, it gives me pleasure to advise you that the President has designated Mr. Graham to act as a member of the Commission.

Mr. Graham has been formally notified of his appointment.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable William J. Harris,
United States Senate.

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M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
OFFICE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY.
Washington.

January 19, 1921.

Verne M. Bovie, Esq.,
Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

I should like to have you take up as soon as possible the making of the permanent arrangements necessary for the proper performance of the functions recently transferred to you upon the discontinuance of the Subtreasury at New York. This will involve the counting and sorting of the gold coin and gold certificates transferred to you and their arrangement in permanent vaults.

Actual and necessary expenses incurred for the wages of counters and laborers to perform this work, not to exceed in the aggregate $5,000, are hereby authorized, payable from the appropriation "Expenses of Transferring Functions of Subtreasuries, 1921".

Respectfully,

(Signed) S.P. Gilbert,

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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January 22, 1921.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that Mr. Daniel Brady, foreman deposit melting room at $6.60 per day in the U.S. Mint at Denver, will reach the retirement age April 24, 1921.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Denver has recommended and I concur in his recommendation that Mr. Brady shall be retained in the service for a period of not to exceed two years under the terms of Section 6 of the Retirement Act of May 22, 1920.

I beg further to state that the services of Mr. Brady are valuable to the government and that he is in good physical condition, which permits him to perform the duties of his position in an efficient manner. It is to the interest of the government that he be retained.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 24, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Divisions of Appointments.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco has recommended that John A. Williams, a watchman formerly employed in the Subtreasury at San Francisco, who was relieved from duty on the closing of the Subtreasury in that city, be appointed in the mint at San Francisco as a watchman at $900, and this office concurs in his recommendation that the necessary steps be taken with the Civil Service Commission to effect the reinstatement of Mr. Williams.

The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco requested on January 20th, authority to employ Mr. Williams as a temporary watchman pending the action of the Civil Service upon his reinstatement to probational appointment, and it is understood that Mr. Williams is now temporarily employed in the Mint at San Francisco as watchman at $900.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 22, 1921.

Dear Congressman Nelson:

I have your letter of January 20, enclosing a copy of the bill proposing the issue of a memorial coin to commemorate the admission of the State of Missouri into the Union.

The cost of making the master dies for the coins would be $500. This would be a charge against the state to be paid to the mint to reimburse the government, as the bill provides that the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies.

Another item of expense would be that of the charge made by the sculptor to be chosen by the State Committee to execute the design. In this connection I would suggest that the organization in charge of the celebration be instructed to confer with the Fine Arts Commission in regard to obtaining suitable designs to be submitted to the department for approval. The Fine Arts Commission would act entirely in an advisory capacity and would probably be able to suggest the names of artists who might be invited by your committee to submit sketches of designs.

The coins would be delivered by the mint at face value to the agent named by the State Committee to receive them. Of the total number of coins to be authorized by the bill, only such a number as are called for by the organization in charge of the celebration would be delivered by the mint. The Treasury Department would not pay out the coins independent of the committee in charge of the memorial celebration.

It is customary for the organization in charge of the memorial celebration to dispose of memorial coins at a premium above the face value. The fifty cent coins issued to commemorate the Landing of the Pilgrims are being delivered to the state committee at face value as required by the act and are being sold at $1 a piece by the agents designated to act for the state committee.

Respectfully,

L. F. Houston

Secretary.

Hon. William L. Nelson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

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January 22, 1921.

Dear Senator Spencer:

I have your letter of January 20, enclosing a copy of the bill proposing the issue of a memorial coin to commemorate the admission of the State of Missouri into the Union.

The cost of making the master dies for the coins would be $500. This would be a charge against the State to be paid to the mint to reimburse the government, as the bill provides that the United States shall not be subject to the expense of making the necessary dies.

Another item of expense would be that of the charge made by the sculptor to be chosen by the State Committee to execute the design. In this connection I would suggest that the organization in charge of the celebration be instructed to confer with the Fine Arts Commission in regard to obtaining suitable designs to be submitted to the department for approval. The Fine Arts Commission would act entirely in an advisory capacity and would probably be able to suggest the names of artists who might be invited by your committee to submit sketches of designs.

The coins would be delivered by the mint at face value to the agent named by the State Committee to receive them. Of the total number of coins to be authorized by the bill, only such a number as are called for by the organization in charge of the celebration would be delivered by the mint. The Treasury Department would not pay out the coins independent of the committee in charge of the memorial celebration.

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Respectfully,

S. V. Costin,

Secretary.

Hon. Selden P. Spencer,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

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January 29, 1921.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith application for annuity for Mr. M.T. McCall, night watchman and janitor at the United States Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D. Mr. McCall reaches the retirement age February 13, 1921, and the request is forwarded with the recommendation of this office for favorable action.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 21, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am forwarding herewith report of separation of Elizabeth M. Leonard from the service as a clerk in the United States Mint at Denver. Mrs. Leonard's separation was effected for the reason that she had been absent 60 days without pay and with the understanding that as soon as she recovered from her present illness, she would be reinstated to her former position.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 1, 1921.

Dear Senator McLean:

I have received your letter of January 31, enclosing a copy of a letter addressed to Senattr Knox, relative to the Pittman Act.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Act of April 23, 1918, and of the letter of March 30, 1918, addressed by Secretary McAdoo to Senator Pittman at the time the bill was pending in Congress. This letter explains in detail the circumstances in which the Pittman Act was passed, and states the purposes of the legislation. The Act must be regarded as a whole, and not simply from the point of view of the purchases of domestic silver now being made at the fixed price of $1 an ounce, in spite of lower world market prices. When operations under the Act have been completed payments to the United States for silver sold should somewhat more than balance payments by the United States for silver purchased, and consequently there should be no loss to the Government. The operations under the Pittman Act are summarized in the Annual Reports of the Secretary of the Treasury for the years 1918, 1919, and 1920, under the heading "Silver".

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Honorable George P. McLean,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

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February 4, 1921.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Referring to letter of Civil Service Commission under date of December 15, the following is submitted:

There are two electrical engineers employed in the Mint Service. Salary $7.00 per day.

There are about 14 chemists who are employed as "Assayers". Salaries range from about $1,200 to $3,000 per annum, the latter salary being paid to the assayers in the coinage mints and the New York Assay Office.

Entrance grades are usually those of skilled workmen and technical assistants. Salaries $3.50 and $4.00 p.d.

Respectfully,

M. M. [illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 5, 1921.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that Mr. Thomas W. Mumford, helper at $4.50 per diem in the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, will reach the retirement age March 20, 1921.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has recommended and I concur in his recommendation, that Mr. Mumford shall be retained in the service for a period of not to exceed two years under the terms of Section 6 of the Retirement Act of May 22, 1920.

I beg further to state that the services of Mr. Mumford are valuable to the government and that he is in good physical condition, which permits him to perform the duties of his position in an efficient manner. It is to the interest of the government that he be retained.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 5, 1921.

The Chief,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the letter of the Civil Service Commission without date, relative to the case of John J. Carey, who failed to pass the examination for the position of bookkeeper, and have the honor to invite attention to the letter of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia dated February 4, covering correspondence with the District Secretary of the Civil Service District at Philadelphia in regard to Mr. Carey.

This Bureau concurs in the recommendation of the Superintendent that Mr. Carey be given another examination and that his case be made special for the reason that his services are very much needed at the Mint in Philadelphia where he has undertaken clerical work pending the result of his examination. The Superintendent states that Mr. Carey is capable of filling a position in the mint bookkeeping or clerical department. It would be in the interest of the government to permit Mr. Carey to take another examination to test his fitness for appointment to a position requiring general clerical qualifications.

Respectfully,

F. McPherson

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 4, 1921.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 3, enclosing a copy of a Bill for the coinage of a fifty-cent piece in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the admission of Missouri into the Union.

Should favorable legislation be enacted I will take pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to co-operate with the Senate Committee in the preparation of designs and dies for the coin.

Very truly yours,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Honorable Albert H. Vestal,
Chairman, Committee on
Coinage, Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

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February 5, 1921.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 2, enclosing a copy of a translation of a note from the Minister of Costa Rica with reference to gold coinage for his Government. Replying I take pleasure in stating that the Director of the Mint will be instructed to proceed with the execution of this coinage at the earliest practicable date.

The coinage charge for the manufacture of the 5,000 two-color pieces desired would be at the rate of $25 per 1000 pieces.

$25.115 ounces of fine gold would be required.

The coinage charge of $25 per thousand pieces includes the cost of working dies and of the copper for alloy.

The dies used by the Mint at Philadelphia for the manufacture of coins for the Government of Costa Rica in 1917 were, on the order of that Government, forwarded to the National City Bank, New York. It is understood that these dies would be forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint by the representative of the Government of Costa Rica. The striking of the coins could be started as soon as the working dies were prepared by the Mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 5, 1921.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 2, transmitting a copy of a note dated January 17, 1921, from the Minister of Costa Rica in charge of the Salvadorean Legation with reference to a certain silver coinage for the Government of Salvador. Replying I take pleasure in advising you that the Director of the Mint will be instructed to proceed with the execution of this coinage as early as practicable. The manufacture of the coins could be undertaken at the Mint in San Francisco on the following terms:

50 Colons (50-centavos) silver .900 fine:

Dimensions 25 mm. in diameter; 160 pieces per kilogram, weight of coin 6.250 grams containing 5.625 grams fine silver; tolerance in minting .005.
Cost of coining 6,000,000 pieces $6.50 per 1000 pieces.

20 Colons (20-centavos) silver .900 fine:

Dimensions 19 mm. 400 pieces per kilogram; weight of coin 2.500 grams, containing 2.250 grams fine silver; tolerance .005.
Cost of coining 1,000,000 pieces $5.50 per 1000 pieces.

The coinage cost includes working dies. New master dies if desired will cost approximately $500 per pair, contingent on the design desired engraved on same. Cost of packing for shipment will be additional to coinage costs.

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The silver bullion required in the coinage must be furnished by the Government of Salvador, as follows:

600,000	50 Colons	108,506.25 fine ozs.
1,000,000	20 Colons	72,337.50 fine ozs.
	Total	180,843.75 fine ozs.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF, SECTION OF SURETY BONDS:

The following list of names of employees at the San Francisco Mint, for whom the American Bonding and Casualty Company (now in the hands of a receiver) is surety, is submitted for your information:

Name	Date of Bond	Amount.
Adney, Robt. C.J.	Mar. 4, 1919	$2,000
Aitken, Samuel	Jan. 5, 1920	2,000
Akers, Chas. D.	Dec. 29, 1919	5,000
Ankerson Geo. P.	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000
Baker, Andrew J.	Jan. 5, 1920	2,000
Berdan, Franc C.	Jan. 2, 1920	5,000
Berry, John D.	Dec. 22, 1919	2,000
Berry, John H.	Jan. 6, 1919	2,000
Bierce, Carlton A.	Dec. 22, 1919	5,000
Blodgett, Samuel O.	Dec. 22, 1919	5,000
Brooks, Edward M.	Jan. 21, 1920	2,000
Brooks, Richard N.	Dec. 23, 1919	5,000
Buller, Edmund	Jan. 6, 1919	2,000
Burr, Chas. A.	Jan. 6, 1920	2,000
Burr, Majorie	Jan. 15, 1919	1,000
Bymes, John F.	Jan. 6, 1920	2,000
Cagwin, Geo. W.	Dec. 22, 1919	2,000
Cahill, Wm. P.	Dec. 11, 1918	10,000
Carroll, Thos.	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000
Caveney, Thos.	Sept. 3, 1919	2,000
Chittenden, Paul	Jan. 6, 1920	5,000
Clack, Theodore A.	Nov. 19, 1919	2,000
Clark, Wm. H.	Jan. 7, 1920	2,000
Collins, Bartley J.	Jan. 2, 1919	2,000
Condin, Franck C.	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000
Conger, Chas. D.	Dec. 24, 1919	5,000
Cuneo, Andrew C.	Jan. 6, 1920	2,000
Dorman, Frederick	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000
Drake, Rolls L.	Jan. 2, 1919	2,000
Driscoll, Jas.	Mar. 4, 1919	2,000
Eckman, Dean W.	Dec. 22, 1919	5,000
Freiderick, Henry W.	Dec. 31, 1919	2,000
Gartland, Edw. T.	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000
Gibbon, Peter F.	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000

Name	Date of Bond	Amount
Gilbert, Louis A.	Jan. 3, 1919	$2,000
Godsil, Chas. W.	Feb. 5, 1919	2,000
Goodfriend, Wm.	Mar. 4, 1919	2,000
Green, Jos. E.	Jan. 2, 1919	2,000
Groth, Andrew S.	Mar. 7, 1919	2,000
Harris, Ernest	Dec. 20, 1919	2,000
Hayes, Samuel J.	Jan. 20, 1919	2,000
Healy, Arthur J.	Mar 5, 1919	2,000
Healy, Frank J.	Aug. 7, 1919	2,000
Healy, Francis K.	Mar. 4, 1919	2,000
Healy, Thos E.	Dec. 14, 1918	2,000
Hickerson, Jos. W.	Mar 4, 1919	2,000
Holz, Jos.	Jan. 2, 1919	2,000
Hovey, Geo. D.	Jan. 8, 1920	2,000
Hubbard, John A.	Jan. 2, 1919	2,000
Huerzeler, Carl	Jan. 2, 1919	2,000
Johnstone, Maurice	Jan. 15, 1919	2,000
Keegan, Wm. J.	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000
Kelley, Wm. H.	Feb. 26, 1920	2,000
King, Wm. M.	Jan. 2, 1919	2,000
Kirby, John F.	Jan. 2, 1920	2,000
Knutsen, Louis	Dec. 22, 1919	5,000
Kull, Alfred C.	Mar. 5, 1919	2,000
Lang, Herman E.	Mar. 7, 1919	2,000
Leith, John B.	Jan. 7, 1920	2,000
Long, Chas. H.	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000
Lord, Eugene A.	Jan. 2, 1919	2,000
Ludden, Everett R.	Jan. 7, 1920	2,000
Lunny, Walter J.	Mar. 4, 1919	2,000
McCabe, John	Feb. 25, 1920	10,000
McLaughlin, Geo.	Jan. 2, 1920	5,000
McNicol, Donald	Jan. 13, 1919	2,000
Mackie, Wm. G.	Mar. 12, 1919	2,000
Maginess, Mill B.	Jan. 15, 1919	2,000
Marisch, Anthony W.	Dec. 31, 1919	2,000
Marshall, John J.	Dec. 22, 1919	5,000
Murphy, Daniel, J.	Jan. 16, 1919	5,000
Murphy, Edward J.	Jan. 2, 1920	2,000
Murphy, James G.	Mar. 7, 1919	2,000
Norton, Frank	Jan. 2, 1919	2,000
Oliver, Albert R.	Dec. 31, 1919	5,000
Orchard, Wm. L.	Mar. 5, 1919	2,000
Peterson, Edward P.	Dec. 24, 1919	5,000
Pollock Clarence E.	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000
Pollock, Wm. E.	Jan. 7, 1919	5,000
Prehn, Carl	Mar. 5, 1919	2,000
Pryor, Wm. A.	Jan. 2, 1919	2,000
Riley, John L.	Jan. 6, 1920	2,000
Roberts, John E.	Jan. 2, 1919	2,000
Ruge, Geo. C.	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000
Rupert, Wm. H.	Mar. 10, 1919	

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Name	Date of Bond.	Amount
Scozzafava, Thos. J.	Mar. 6, 1919	$2,000
Schroeder, Wm. H.	June 6, 1919	5,000
Selig, Nathan	Mar. 1, 1920	5,000
Sheridan, Geo. F.	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000
Sherman, Tecumseh	Jan. 6, 1920	2,000
Simpson, Edward P.	Mar. 4, 1919	2,000
Spencer, Chas. W.	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000
Steel, Jos. W.	Jan. 15, 1919	2,000
Strauch, Paul	Dec. 23, 1919	5,000
Sullivan, Wm. M.	Jan. 7, 1920	2,000
Sullivan, Timothy J.	Jan. 15, 1919	2,000
Toner, Bernard F.	Jan. 13, 1919	2,000
Toner, Wm. J.	Sept. 3, 1919	5,000
Ward, Samuel J.	Jan. 6, 1920	2,000
Wentworth, Thos S.	Jan. 20, 1919	5,000
White, Edward	Jan. 3, 1919	2,000
White, Francis C.	Jan. 7, 1920	2,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 9, 1921.

Dear Congressman Rhodes:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 5, referring to certain articles recently appearing in mining journals relative to the production of gold and I take pleasure in forwarding herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint, on page 284 of which will be found a table of the production of gold for a series of years.

Section 3519 R.S. provides that,

> "Any owner of gold bullion may deposit the same at any mint, to be formed into coin or bars for his benefit."

Section 3511 R.S. provides that the dollar shall be the unit of value and contain 25.8 grains of standard gold 900 fine, the equivalent of which is $20.67 per ounce, the amount paid by the mints and assay offices for gold 1000 fine.

Section 3524 R.S. providing a charge of one-fifth of one per centum for converting standard gold bullion into coins was repealed by the Act of January 14, 1875, section two of which reads;

> "That so much of section three thousand five hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States as provides for a charge of one-fifth of one per centum for converting standard gold bullion into coin is hereby repealed; and hereafter no charge shall be made for that service."

The value of copper contained in the gold dollar, at today's market rate for copper, would be approximately .005 of a cent.

This Department has no statistics covering the amount of gold coin used annually in the arts, and has no means of determining what disposition is made of gold coin when it leaves the Treasury.

Respectfully,

D. F. Houston

Secretary.

Hon. Marion E. Rhodes,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

February 11, 1921.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 10, 1921, transmitting a copy of a translation of a note, No. 1107, from the Minister of Costa Rica in charge of Salvadorian Affairs, relative to coinage now being executed at the San Francisco Mint for the Government of Salvador.

In accordance with the wishes of the Minister the Director of the Mint will be informed that the Consul of Salvador at San Francisco, Doctor Pio Romero Bosque, is the agent commissioned by the Government of Salvador to receive the coinage when it is completed at the Mint in San Francisco.

The Director of the Mint has forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco the $15,700 sent to him by the Treasurer General of the Republic of Salvador. The Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco will be directed to confer with the Consul of Salvador at San Francisco in regard to future and final payments for the coinage now under way.

Respectfully,

D. F. Houston

Secretary.

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Honorable George R. Comings,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington, D.C. for the purpose of conferring with this Bureau in regard to the work of the laboratory in this office.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, United States Assay Office, New York, 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of February 8, you are authorized to invite bids and purchase from the lowest bidder, the following articles for the first aid equipment for your mint.

2 Picric Acid Burn Dressings
2 Tourniquets
8 Ounces Tincture Iodine
2 Ounces Camphenol (Concentrated)
2 Dozen Cotton Roller Bandages 2½"
1 Pair Tweezers
20 Yards Adhesive Tape 2"
30 Yards Adhesive Tape 1"

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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February 15, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY GILBERT:

Referring to the attached letter regarding the shipment of light-weight gold coin from Federal Reserve Banks to the Mints, I beg to submit for your consideration the following:-

If the before-melting weight, as determined by the Mints, of gold coin received on transfer from Government institutions and agencies as "light-weight" coin is the equivalent of or exceeds the transfer value, the transfer value should be reported as the settlement value between the two institutions. Since the real value to the Government of such coin is what it will produce in new coin, or the after-melting value, and the after-melting value is usually less than the before-melting value, such small apparent gains between institutions as are likely to occur will be offset when the real value is determined by melting.

If the before-melting weight, as determined by the Mints, of gold coin received on transfer from Government institutions of agencies as "light-weight" coin is less than the equivalent of the transfer value, the settlement value between the two institutions should be the equivalent of the before-melting weight as determined by the Mint and any loss should be charged to the transmitting institution.

If the apparent gains are paid to the shipping banks they will receive something to which they are not entitled because they are not expected to make any gains in redeeming Government coin; if the apparent gains occur by reason of an accumulation of fractional items the agency should not be allowed to profit thereby as it would tend to encourage the making of short payments to owners of light weight coin. On the other hand, if before-melting losses are disclosed by mint determinations it is quite evident that the agencies are either making overpayments for light weight coin or claiming excess transfer values, which they should make good.

The above is applicable to light weight gold coin redeemed by Government agencies, as distinguished from sales of such coin to the Government when owned by the agencies.

Respectfully

Director of the Mint.

February 16, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with instructions contained in circular letter dated February 12, 1921, the following list of typewriters and labor saving devices showing serial numbers is submitted for your information.

5 - Underwood Typewriters, Nos. 11126; 911594; 1012938; 1200621 and 1113838.

2 - L.C. Smith " Nos. 311719-9; 314461-8.

1 - Burrough's Add'g Mach. No. 99955
1 - Comptometer - Mfd. by Felt & Tarrant Mgf. Co., Chicago, Ill.
2 - Millioniare Calculating Mach. No. 1203and 636.

Respectfully,

W. M. Ridlon

Acting Director of the Mint.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

In reply to communication On 893.5151/138 dated November 16, 1920, forwarding suggestion of the Consul General at Tientsin, China, that the value of the Pelyang dollar be proclaimed quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury, I have the honor to state that investigation shows there are numerous "dollars" in circulation in China, these coins of differing weights and finenesses (that is, containing different quantities of silver, on which their value depends), being named for the province or city in which issued.

Dollars of the same name are understood to differ materially as to their silver content, and it has been the policy of the Treasury Department to refrain from placing any definite valuation on them.

The Mexican, British and Hongkong, and Yuan dollars are issued under definitely known specifications as to silver content, and it is understood that the silver content of the actual coins is quite constant. The values of these coins are proclaimed quarterly.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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February 17, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Mr. George D. Ricker, be transferred from the position of Private Secretary to the Director of the Mint at $1400 per annum to the position Clerk class (3) in the United States Mint at Philadelphia. Mr. Ricker was transferred from a Civil Service position in the Office of the Treasurer of the U.S. to the excepted position of Secretary to the Director of the Mint. The position of clerk at $1600 now available in the Mint was made vacant by the death of Mr. John Silk, December 26, 1920.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY GILBERT:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia reports that the U. S. Smelting Refining and Mining Company asks whether a certificate of the Postmaster would be acceptable in place of the certificate of a notary in cases where miners desiring to sell silver under the terms of the Pittman Act are so far removed from a Notary, as to make the procuring of such service a grave hardship.

I recommend that in such cases the regulations be waived and that miners living in remote parts of the country, and not within reasonable reach of a Notary Public, be allowed to have their statements attested by a State or Federal officer,-not necessarily one authorized to administer oaths.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 18, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO GOVERNOR, FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD:

A copy of letter addressed to Senator Pomerene by Mr. Harry C. Houser, is returned herewith and the following information submitted:-

The Mints and Assay Offices pay the fixed price of $20.67 per ounce for gold. Section 3519 R.S. provides that -

"Any owner of gold bullion may deposit the same at any mint, to be formed into coin or bars for his benefit. * * ".

Silver is paid for at the market rate which changes from day to day. The market price of silver per fine ounce today is 60 cents. Silver purchased under the terms of the Pittman Act, which is exclusively the product of U.S. mines and smelters is paid for by the mints at $1 per fine ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 19) 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

This office is in receipt of an inquiry from the Superintendent, U.S. Mint at Philadelphia relative to the furlough of employees. It is proposed to reduce the number of employees at the Philadelphia Mint by placing a number of them on furlough. Among this number will be included men who are eligible for retirement but whose continuance in the service has been approved for two years. In accordance with furlough regulations, employees who are given a rating of good or excellent in workmanship and conduct are eligible for recall within three years from the date of furlough. I beg to be advised whether an employee who does not wish to go out on retirement at this time, but prefers to be furloughed, may have the privilege of retiring on an annuity any time within three years ?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Printing and Stationery)

Sir:

I beg to enclose herewith requisition for printing Scale Weight Cards with accompanying copy, and letter of the Division of Printing and Stationery returning the requisition with the information that purchase of the stock requested had been disapproved by the Joint Committee on Printing.

In the absence of information as to reasons for disapproval of purchase of the requested stock, it is desired to submit information which may not have been at hand when the matter was previously under consideration.

The cards in question are for use in recording weights from dies automatically thrown up by a registering wagon scale installed at the Philadelphia Mint, used in connection with the purchase of metals for the minor coinage and for other purposes. Thick, soft stock is required in order to prevent damage to the dies and to provide for possible slight unevenness in the surface presented by the thrown up dies; and a glazed surface is needed in order that the printed figures may be legible.

It is submitted that in the use of unsatisfactory stock, many times the difference between its cost and the cost of satisfactory stock will probably be lost in the additional time required for taking care of the curling cards and in trying to decipher illegible figures.

In January, 1916, a stock of 10,000 of these cards was requested and bids were obtained locally in Philadelphia for procuring stock in accordance with the satisfactory sample herewith submitted, the submitted bids ranging from $12.75 to $27.00. The unsatisfactory cards provided by the Government Printing Office at that time cost $30.40. If the Joint Committee on Printing is still of the opinion that purchase of the requested stock should not be made by the Government Printing Office, it is requested that authority be given for procuring satisfactory cards locally by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

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February 21, 1921.

RECLASSIFICATION COMMISSION

SEMI-MONTHLY REPORT FROM UNIT NO. 42.

The Chief of the

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions I beg to report to the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Salaries that there were no changes in the duties of the employees of this Bureau.

One change in the membership of the bureau employees was effected by the death of Dr. Frederick P. Dewey, Assayer, on Feb. 11, 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Form CR-4 enclosed.

February 26, 1921.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Joseph Buford, Jr., weigher in the assay department of the New York Assay Office, on leave without pay since March 6, 1920, be recalled to duty as weigher at $7.00 per day.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1921.

Mr. S.B. Frantz,
Examiner, Bureau of the Mint,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the following named institutions of the Mint Service for the purpose of examining the various types of forms used and their bearing upon the method of accounting in the institutions named:

United States Mint at New Orleans.
United States Mint at San Francisco.
United States Mint at Denver.
United States Assay Office at Seattle.
United States Assay Office at Boise.

While engaged in this service, your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, Contingent Expense, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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March 9, 1921.

Memorandum for Assistant Secretary Gilbert:

Replying to your memorandum regarding $75,000 in Russian gold bars, received by the Guaranty Trust Company in a shipment of $3,000,000 or more from India, which have been refused by the New York Assay Office in accordance with standing instructions,-if Mr. Leon presents a formal certificate of ownership and non-Soviet origin signed by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, clearing the gold of Soviet taint, the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York will be instructed to accept the gold.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 11, 1921.

The Honorable
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 3, relative to a letter received from the President of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, requesting that duplicates of Reports of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal years 1915, 1916 and 1917, and copies of the issues of subsequent years, be forwarded directly to the Library of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

Replying I take pleasure in stating that copies of the Reports for the fiscal years 1916, 1917, 1919 and 1920 have been forwarded to the Library indicated.

I regret that the editions of the Report for the years 1915 and 1918 are entirely exhausted.

Respectfully,

F. P. Gates Jr.
Acting Secretary.

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March 14, 1921.

Honorable A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington, D.C., for the purpose of attending a conference in this office on business connected with your institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, United States Mint at Philadelphia, 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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March 17, 1921.

ESTIMATE OF EARNINGS AND EXPENDITURES

MINT SERVICE 1921 - 1922

	Fiscal Year 1921.	Fiscal Year 1922.
Estimated expenditures.----	$1,727,456	$1,535,100.
Earnings.		
Seignorage, dollars--	2,760,000	7,000,000
" Subsidiary ----	3,000,000	1,000,000
" Minor ----------	5,000,000	1,000,000
Surplus bullion, by-products, sundries --	525,000	400,000
	11,285,000	9,400,000

Director of the Mint.

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March 19, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Walter J. Casey be appointed to the position of private secretary to the Director of the Mint at $1400. This position was made vacant by the transfer of Mr. George Ricker to the United States Mint, Philadelphia.

Feb. 24, 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 21, 1921.

Miss M. M. O'Reilly,

Office of Director of the Mint,
Treasury Department.

Madam:

You are hereby authorized to visit the United States Assay Office at New York on business connected with that institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint, 1921."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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March 22, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 26th enclosing schedules of questions received by the British Embassy from the Deputy-Master of the Royal Mint relative to coinage executed during the calendar year 1920 and other details regarding currency.

I take pleasure in enclosing replies to the interrogatories with the request that the same be transmitted through the State Department to the British Embassy.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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Director of the Mint

March 26, 1921.

Two Remington Typewriters returned
from U.S.Assay Office, New York.

Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of section twenty-five of the Act of August 27, 1894, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1921.

In pursuance of the provisions of section 25 of the act of August 27, 1894, I hereby proclaim the following estimate by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning April 1, 1921, expressed in any such metallic currencies.

Entries of merchandise liquidated upon the values proclaimed herein will be subject to reliquidation upon the order of the Secretary of the Treasury whenever satisfactory evidence shall be produced to him showing that the values in United States currency of the foreign money specified in the invoices were at the date of certification at least ten per centum more or less than the values herein proclaimed.

Secretary.

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April 1, 1921.

RECLASSIFICATION COMMISSION,

SEMI-MONTHLY REPORT FROM UNIT NO. 42.

The Chief of the

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions I beg to report to the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Salaries that there were no changes in the duties of the employees of this Bureau.

Two changes in the membership of the Bureau employees were effected by the appointment of Mr. Walter J. Casey on March 19th to the position of Private Secretary to the Director of the Mint, and the resignation of Mr. George Ricker from the position of Private Secretary to the Director of the Mint transferred to the Internal Revenue Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Form CR 3 enclosed
" CR 4 "

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April 2, 1921.

Mr. Harvey L. Glenn, Asst. Assayer,
U. S. Assay Office,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to proceed to Tacoma to be present at the weighing and sampling of slag forwarded from the Assay Office at Seattle to the Tacoma Smelting Company, with a view to selling same to that company.

While engaged in this service your traveling expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses Seattle Assay Office, 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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April 5, 1921.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin, Chief Clerk,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington on business connected with the Mint at Philadelphia. While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses Mint Philadelphia 1921."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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April 7, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Appropriations Act, Approved March 1, 1895, that the business of this office for the month ended March 31, 1921, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 7, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. Timothy J. Quirk of 119 No. 6th St., Newark, N.J. be appointed to the position of Assayer in the office of the Director of the Mint at a salary of $2200. This position was made vacant by the death of Dr. F. P. Dewey on February 11, 1921.

Mr. Quirk was foreman of the Refinery Laboratory at the Assay Office, New York from April 6, 1919 to December 12, 1919 on which date he resigned. He is not eligible for reinstatement, having been out of the service for more than a year. His appointment is recommended pending examination as to his qualifications because of his knowledge of the technical work in the Bureau Laboratory acquired through actual experience in the Mint Service. The position is an important one and cannot be filled by promotion in the service for the reason that we have no one available having Mr. Quirk's qualifications for the place.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1921.

Mr. Ernest F. Moessner,
Scale Repairer, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Philadelphia for the purpose of familiarizing yourself with the operations necessary to the coinage of silver dollars about to be undertaken at the Denver Mint. While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent expenses Mint at Denver, 1921".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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April 9, 1921.

Mr. John C. Wells,
Supt., Coining Department, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Philadelphia for the purpose of familiarizing yourself with the operations necessary to the coinage of silver dollars about to be undertaken at the Denver Mint. While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent expenses Mint at Denver, 1921".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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April 11, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In response to your letter of April 9th requesting that a representative of this Bureau be designated for the purpose of serving on the Departmental Committee to formulate an order covering uniform regulations for the Department in respect to Saturday half-holidays, I designate Miss O'Reilly to act in that capacity for this Bureau, Room 174, telephone branch 8.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 9, 1921.

Hon. S. Parker Gilbert, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is estimated that the actual and necessary expenses which have already been and will necessarily be incurred during the balance of the fiscal year in the receipt of, reviewing and counting gold, silver and minor coin and currency transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia on account of the discontinuance of sub-treasuries, will amount to $25,000.

I have the honor to request that not to exceed the sum of $25,000 be made available to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to meet the actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing the work indicated above, payable from the appropriation "Expenses of Transferring Functions of Subtreasuries 1921."

Respectfully,

(signed) R.T. Baker,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

(signed) S.P. Gilbert, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary.

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April 9, 1921.

Hon. S. Parker Gilbert, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is estimated that the actual and necessary expenses which have already been and will necessarily be incurred during the balance of the fiscal year in the receipt of, reviewing and counting gold, silver and minor coin and currency transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia on account of the discontinuance of sub-treasuries, will amount to $25,000.

I have the honor to request that not to exceed the sum of $25,000 be made available to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia to meet the actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing the work indicated above, payable from the appropriation "Expenses of Transferring Functions of Subtreasuries 1921."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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April 11, 1921.

Hon. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for conference on Thursday morning, April 14th, relative to business of the Mint.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, 1921."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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April 11, 1921.

Hon. Vern M. Bovie,
Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to arrange to come to Washington for conference in this Bureau on Thursday morning April 14th.

While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses U.S. Assay Office, New York, 1921."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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April 13, 1921.

Mr. Alanson B. Wilson,
Chief Clerk, U.S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for the purpose of attenting a conference in this office in regard to matters in connection with this Bureau.

While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses Assay Office, New York, 1921.".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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April 13, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 11th transmitting a copy of a communication from the Ambassador of the French Republic relative to the coinage of six million dollars for the French Government in Indo-China.

I take pleasure in stating that the Director of the Mint has been instructed to cause the necessary preparations to be made for the execution of this coinage at the United States Mint at San Francisco.

Coinage charges for the manufacture of the pieces will be at the rate of $12.50 per thousand pieces. This charge includes the cost of working dies, but not the cost of packing for shipment.

It is understood that the metal will be supplied to the Mint, and that the Mint at Paris will send to the Mint at Philadelphia the master dies to be used in the preparation of working dies.

The coinage could be undertaken as soon as the dies are delivered to the Mint at San Francisco.

It is requested that this Department be advised of the name of the agent who is to act for the French Government in receiving and making payment for the coins at the United States Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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April 13, 1921.

Mr. Ernest Moessner,
Scale Repairer, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Upon completion of your duties in Philadelphia will you please make arrangements to return to your post at Denver via Washington for the purpose of conferring with the Bureau of Standards on matters connected with the Mint at Denver. While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses Mint at Denver, 1921."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

APR 14 1921

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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April 13, 1921.

Mr. John C. Wells,
Supt., Coining Department, U.S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Upon completion of your duties in Philadelphia will you please make arrangements to return to your post at Denver via Washington for the purpose of conferring with the Bureau of Standards on matters connected with the Mint at Denver. While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses Mint at Denver, 1921."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

APR 14 1921

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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April 16, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Printing and Stationery.

Sir:

Will you please forward to this Bureau for use in the field service 12 copies of the Legislative Act "Public No. 364 - 66th Congress - H.R. 15543."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 20, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

(Division of Printing and Stationery).

Sir:

With reference to Treasury Department Circular 153, June 26, 1920, I have to advise that the records now in this office do not show that printing, binding, or blank book work has been done for the Mint Service during the quarter ended March 31, 1921, other than by the Government Printing Office in Washington.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 21, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a series of interrogatories prepared by the Director of the Mint regarding production, coinage, industrial consumption and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, with the request that same be transmitted to the representative of the United States accredited to St. Johns, Newfoundland; two copies to be sent, one to be returned and the other to be retained for reference.

The information elicited in these interrogatories is for the use of the Director of the Mint in collecting and publishing statistics relative to the matters specified.

It will facilitate the compilation of statistics if the United States representative will forward the answers directly to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., so as to reach him by October 1, 1921.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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April 25, 1921.

Memorandum for the Chief of the Division of Appointments:

The letter of Representative Williamson is returned herewith with the suggestion that Mr. Williamson be advised that the appointment to the position of Assayer in Charge of the U.S. Assay Office at Deadwood is wholly at the will of the Administration, the term of office of the present incumbent covering the period until the appointment of his successor.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Contingent Expenses, U.S. Mint, Carson City, 1921.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint, Carson City, Nevada.

in U.S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.

Royal Typewriter	1	$58.50
from Stock on hand, General Supply		less 10%
Committee.		

W.M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 30, 1921.

Reclassification Commission

Semi-Monthly Report from Unit 42.

The Chief of the

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions I beg to report to the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Salaries that there were no changes in the duties of the employees of this Bureau.

One change in the membership of the Bureau employees was effected by the appointment of Mr. Timothy J. Quirk, Assayer, April 20, 1921 in place of Dr. Frederick P. Dewey, deceased.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Form CR-3 enclosed.

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May 2, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Appropriation Act, Approved March 1, 1896, that the business of this office for the month ended April 30, 1921, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 3, 1921.

Dear Mr. President:

I received your Secretary's letter of April 30, 1921, with a letter of April 28th from Mr. Waldo C. Moore of the Peoples Banking Company, Lewisburg, Ohio, which is returned herewith. In view of the increased coinage of 1921 standard silver dollars the Director of the Mint is now prepared to issue standard silver dollars of the mintage of 1921 in exchange for other forms of money. The Director of the Mint has forwarded a copy of Mr. Moore's letter to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, who will be glad to furnish the desired amount of silver dollars to Mr. Moore upon receipt of the necessary funds. In the circumstances, it will, of course, be unnecessary for Mr. Moore to arrange for the return of the dollars.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

The President,
The White House.

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May 4, 1921.

Director of Foreign Affairs,
The Barter and Commerce Corporation of America, Ltd.,
Suite 1522, Pennsylvania Hotel,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 3, 1921, with respect to Russian gold.

There is no restriction upon the importation of gold in any form into the United States, and the Treasury has no objection to sales by you of Russian gold, whether in coin or bullion form, to manufacturers for use in the arts. Since, however, as stated in my letter of April 30th, the Treasury Department declines to purchase gold known or suspected to be of Soviet origin, it does object to any remelting operation which has for its object the destruction of the identity of Russian gold with a view to its tender to United States mints or assay offices as gold of non-Soviet origin. In any event, of course, the tender of gold to U. S. mints and assay offices involves a full warranty of title.

Respectfully,

S. D. Gilbreath

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

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May 10, 1921.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

San Francisco, California.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of May 5th you are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the following-named firms to furnish your Mint with supplies for the fiscal year 1922:

Electric Power

Pacific Gas & Electric Company.
"Electric power in quantities as desired covering both direct current and alternating current, for monthly consumption at a rate of 1 3/4¢ per Kw.H."

Iron Castings

Enterprise Foundry Co.

Plain Iron Castings	.08 per lb.	Moulds	.08 per lb.
Iron Machine Castings	.08½ " "	Cored Iron Castings	.09 " "

Ice

National Ice and Cold Storage Co. of California

Ice	.75 per cwt.

Laundry

La Grande Laundry Company

Bags	.01 each	Scale Covers	.05 each
Towels	.80 per 100	Filter Covers	.07 "
Roller Towels	.04 each	Bags	.03 "
Aprons	.04 "	Sleeves, Canvas	.02 "

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 12, 1921.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 10th enclosing copy of Joint Resolution No. 111 relative to the coinage of the peace dollar.

The Department will interpose no objection to this resolution. Should the measure become a law the Director of the Mint will be instructed to proceed immediately with the necessary preparations for the execution of the proposed coin.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal, Chairman,
Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures,
House of Representatives.

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May 17, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir;-

Herewith find bill of the Philadelphia Mint, in amount $10.00, covering the manufacture of one die for seal of Farm Loan Board furnished on order of April 18, 1921. Receipt for the delivery of the die is attached to the voucher. Please cause transfer settlement to be made, crediting the amount to the following appropriations:

Wages of Workmen, Mint at Philadelphia, 1921.....	$ 9.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1921.....	1.00
	$10.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Appointments.)

Sir:.

With reference to the attached letter of the Civil Service Commission dated April 26, 1921, requesting information in regard to the application of Mr. Henry Hines, helper in the Philadelphia Mint, for retirement at age 65, I beg to advise that Mr. Hines was a helper in the rolling room of the Philadelphia Mint, his duties bringing him constantly in contact with machines such as rolling mills, cutting presses, shearing machines, etc.

The Retirement Act of May 22, 1920 apparently contemplates that employees performing work which is of a more exhausting nature shall be retired at an earlier age than those whose work is less exhausting. In view of the evident intent of the act, and of the fact that helpers in the operative departments of Mint Service institutions are employed as assistants to mechanics, and to the further fact that their work is equally exhausting with that of mechanics, the particular difference being that they have less skill, it is suggested for the purposes of the Retirement Act such helpers might well be classed as mechanics.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1921.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Printing and Stationery.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that allotment of funds to this Bureau from which payment may be made during the fiscal year 1922 for printing by other than the Government Printing Office for our field service institutions be made on the same basis as for the current fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 18, 1921.

Mr. T. J. Quirk, Assayer,
Mint Bureau.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Philadelphia for the purpose of inspecting laboratory equipment at the Philadelphia Mint and elsewhere in that city in connection with the contemplated rehabilitation of the Bureau Laboratory.

Your necessary travel and subsistence expenses while in this service will be reimbursed upon rendition of account from appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Approved.

Assistant Secretary

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May 24, 1921.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Printing and Stationery.

Sir:

Will you please forward for official use in this office six (6) books of Transportation Requests in books containing ten each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1921.

Mr. Osias L. Schwarz,

Mint Bureau.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Assay Office, New York in time to begin the Annual Settlement at that institution on June 7, 1921.

While engaged in this service your necessary travel expenses and $4.00 per diem in lieu of actual expenses for subsistence will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 24, 1921.

Mr. Fred H. Chaffin,
c/o United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Assay Office, New York in time to begin the Annual Settlement at that institution on June 7, 1921.

Your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed upon rendition of account, from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 24, 1921.

Mr. Chester W. Ziegler,
c/o United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Assay Office, New York in time to begin the Annual Settlement at that institution on June 7, 1921.

Your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed upon rendition of account, from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 24, 1921.

Mr. Norman Webster,
c/o U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the U.S. Assay Office at New York to assist in the Annual Settlement at that institution to begin June 7, 1921.

Your necessary transportation and subsistence expenses while engaged in this duty will be reimbursed upon presentation of the bill for the same, payable from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 23, 1921.

Mr. George F. Brierly,
c/o United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco in time to begin the Annual Settlement at that institution on June 7, 1921.

Your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed upon rendition of account from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 24, 1921.

Mr. P. S. Myers,
c/o U.S. Assay Office,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco in time to begin the Annual Settlement at that institution on June 7, 1921.

Your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed upon rendition of account from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 24, 1921.

Mr. H. L. Glenn,
c/o U.S. Assay Office,
Seattle, Washington.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco in time to begin the Annual Settlement at that institution on June 7th, 1921.

Your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed upon rendition of account, from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 25, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Navy.

Sir:

In accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Treasury on June 28, 1920, I have the honor to submit the following monthly estimate of the Mexican, British and Hongkong, and Yuan silver dollars:

Mexican dollar	$0.4771
British & Hongkong dollar	.4736
Yuan dollar	.4718

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 26, 1921.

Mr. T. J. Quirk,

Bureau of the Mint,

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Philadelphia in time for the commencement of the Annual Settlement of the United States Mint at Philadelphia on June 7, 1921.

Your necessary traveling expenses and $4.00 per diem in lieu of actual expenses for subsistence while engaged in this service will be reimbursed upon rendition of account from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 26, 1921.

Mr. W. K. Shelland,

Bureau of the Mint.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Philadelphia in time for the commencement of the Annual Settlement of the United States Mint at Philadelphia on June 7, 1921.

Your necessary traveling expenses and $4.00 per diem in lieu of actual expenses for subsistence while engaged in this service will be reimbursed upon rendition of account from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 26, 1921.

Mr. James E. Russell,
United States Assay Office,
Deadwood, S.D.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Denver in time for the commencement of the Annual Settlement at the Denver Mint June 14, 1921.

Your necessary travel and subsistence expenses while engaged in this service will be reimbursed upon rendition of account from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 26, 1921.

Mr. L. Magruder,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Denver in time for the commencement of the Annual Settlement at the Denver Mint June 14, 1921.

Your necessary travel and subsistence expenses while engaged in this service will be reimbursed upon rendition of account from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 26, 1921.

Mr. John L. May,
United States Assay Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Denver in time for the commencement of the Annual Settlement at the Denver Mint June 14, 1921.

Your necessary travel and subsistence expenses while engaged in this service will be reimbursed upon rendition of account from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 27, 1921.

Mr. Hugh T. Rippeto,
United States Assay Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Denver in time for the commencement of the Annual Settlement at the Denver Mint June 14, 1921.

Your necessary travel and subsistence expenses while engaged in this service will be reimbursed upon rendition of account, from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 2[illegible], 1921.

Mr. Oscar Hinrichs,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Philadelphia, Pa. in time to begin the Annual Settlement at the Philadelphia Mint June 7, 1921.

Your necessary travel and subsistence expenses while engaged in this service will be reimbursed upon rendition of account, from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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May 28, 1921.

Mr. Charles Gammon,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Philadelphia in time for the commencement of the Annual Settlement at the Philadelphia Mint June 7, 1921.

Your necessary travel and subsistence expenses while engaged in this service will be reimbursed upon rendition of account, from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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June 1, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Appropriations Act, Approved March 1, 1896, that the business of this office for the month ended May 31, 1921, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 3, 1921.

Mr. A. M. Joyce,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington for the purpose of conferring upon business connected with your institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the Appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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June 3, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning a communication from the Civil Service Commission under date of May 28th concerning the case of Mr. Fred W. Frewing of the United States Mint at Denver, accompanied by copy of reply of the Superintendent of the Denver Mint, dated April 1, 1921, to letter of the Commission dated March 19, 1921. The original of the letter of the Superintendent of the Denver Mint appears to have been forwarded at an earlier date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 2, 1921.

Dear Congressman Dallinger:

I have your letter of May 31st enclosing one from Mr. Henry F. Merrill of Cambridge, Mass., asking if there is any good reason why the law requiring the purchase by the U.S. Treasury of silver at the fixed price of $1.00 per ounce should not be repealed.

In order that the situation as to these purchases may be appreciated, I am enclosing for your information a copy of former Secretary McAdoo's letter of March 30, 1918, to Senator Pittman, written at the time when the Bill was pending in Congress. This letter explains in detail the circumstances in which the Pittman Act was passed and states the purposes of the legislation. The Treasury feels that the Act must be regarded as a whole and not simply from the point of view of the purchases of domestic silver now being made at the fixed price of $1.00 per ounce. In view of all the circumstances, the Treasury does not feel in a position to recommend the repeal of the Act at this time. When operations under the statute have been completed, payment to the United States for silver sold will somewhat more than balance payments by the United States for silver purchased, and consequently there should be no loss to the Government.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Hon. Frederick W. Dallinger,
House of Representatives, U.S.

2 enclosures.

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June 3, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of May 26th enclosing translation of a note from the Venezuelan Minister at this capital, asking that directions be given for the early coinage and delivery by the Philadelphia Mint of six million bolivars in silver for the Venezuelan Government.

I take pleasure in stating that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be directed to proceed with the execution of this order as soon as practicable.

Silver bullion will be required in the amount of 831,500.96 ounces one thousand fine.

It is understood that the coins are to be the same as those recently manufactured for the Venezuelan Government. The prices quoted below include the cost of working dies, but kegs or boxes for shipping will be extra.

5 bolivar pieces	$12.50	per thousand
2 " "	10.50	" "
1 " "	8.50	" "
½ " "	6.00	" "
¼ " "	6.00	" "

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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June 9, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

(Division of Appointments).

Sir:

Herewith I am returning letter of the United States Civil Service Commission dated May 27, 1921, bearing the endorsement of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, which is approved, replying specifically to the Commission's inquiries and to the effect that the duties of Henry Hines, Helper, required him to operate, start and stop machines.

In further support of suggestion that for the purposes of the Retirement Act helpers in the operative departments of Mint Service institutions might well be classed as mechanics, reference is made to the record of Congressional debate as evidence that the basis for prescribing different retirement ages for different classes of employment was evidently the character of work and its effect on those engaged therein - that the strenuous work of railway postal clerks undermines health and vitality at a comparatively early age, and that other employments are, in this respect, intermediate between railway postal clerks and the class of employees generally known as clerks. In this intermediate class the term "mechanics" is used, and it is submitted that the term was probably used generically, and that no violation of the spirit of the Act would

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result if it were so construed. This is especially true of a beneficent Act such as is the Retirement Act, which, it would seem, should be construed liberally in favor of the beneficiaries, and particularly that when doubts arise they should be resolved in favor of the beneficiaries. It is believed that helpers in the operative departments of Mint Service institutions should properly be classed as mechanics, for purposes of the Retirement Act, as previously suggested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 15, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to state, in reply to your circular letter of April 28th concerning the cost to the Government of the proposed classification provided by the Lehlbach Bill as follows:

Total per annum, present payroll, including bonus, $26,320

Total proposed per annum payroll, per Lehlbach Bill, $33,240

Total increase $6,920.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 15, 1921.

Secretary of the Treasury

(Division of Appointments)

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the promotion of Mary M. O'Reilly from the position of Computer and Adjuster of Accounts at $2200 per annum on the regular roll of this office to the position of Executive Clerk at $3000 per annum, payable from the "Special Fund - Charges on Silver Dollar Bullion Sold".

Respectfully

Director of the Mint.

Approved: June 15, 1921.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 15, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury

(Division of Appointments)

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend the following promotions of employees in this office:

Osias L. Schwarz, Clerk at $1800,
to Computer and Adjuster of Accounts at $2200,
vice Mary M. O'Reilly, promoted.

W. K. Shelland, Clerk at $1600,
to Clerk at $1800, vice O. L. Schwarz, promoted.

I have also to recommend the transfer and promotion of Arthur C. Probey from the position of Clerk in the Office of Auditor for War Department at $1200 to the position of Clerk at $1600 in the Office of the Director of the Mint.

These proposed changes pertain to the regular roll of the Office of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved: June 15, 1921.

Secretary of the Treasury.

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June 16, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Section of Surety Bonds.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding signature cards in triplicate, also executed bond in the sum of $100,000 of Robert J. Grant as Superintendent of the United States Mint at Denver, Colorado.

It is requested that the bond be approved, effective July 1, 1921, the proposed date of transfer of the institution from the retiring Superintendent to Mr. Grant.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 17, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Section of Surety Bonds.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding signature cards in triplicate, also executed bond in the sum of $100,000 of Isaac H. Smith as Superintendent of the United States Assay Office at New York, N.Y.

It is requested that the bond be approved, effective July 1, 1921, the proposed date of transfer of the institution from the retiring Superintendent to Mr. Smith.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

June 18, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 15th instant forwarding a request from Congressman John I. Nolan for data in connection with H.R. 3429. The following is a list of the number of employes affected, together with the amount of money necessary to provide for payment under the rates carried in the bill:

No.	Designation	Present rate	Cost under proposed law.
11	Clerks	$1000	$880
1	Head Messenger	1000	80
1	Messenger	840	240
1	Asst. Messenger	720	360
1	Telephone Operator	750	330
1	Captain Watch	1000	80
22	Watchmen	900	3960
1	"	850	250
1	"	800	280
1	"	900	180
1	Guard	900	540
3	Elevator Conductors	1050	30
1	Engineer	720	360
1	Skilled Laborer	1000	80
1	Laborer	660	420
1	"	820	260
1	Yardman	500	1740
3	Unskilled Laborers (Charwomen)	350	730
1	Charwoman	2.00 per day	1878
6	Charwomen	2.50 " "	157
1	Laborer		$12815

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 20, 1921.

Hon. S. P. Gilbert, Jr.,

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

With reference to your authority of August 28th last for employment at the New York Assay Office of men to assist in the work of transfer of the functions of the New York Sub-treasury, I have to state that additional funds of $2000 are needed for use in this connection during the remainder of this fiscal year, and to request advance of this sum to the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office, Verne M. Bovie, under the appropriation "Expenses of transfer of functions of Sub-treasuries, 1921."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved June 20, 1921
S. P. Gilbert Jr
Assistant Secretary.

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June 20, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Section of Surety Bonds.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding signature cards in triplicate, also executed bond in the sum of $100,000, of M. J. Kelly as Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco, California.

It is requested that the bond be approved, effective July 1, 1921, the proposed date of transfer of the institution from the retiring Superintendent to Mr. Kelly.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 20, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith resignation of Mr. Hugh T. Rippeto, Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, effective upon the appointment of his successor.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 21, 1921.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with your recommendation of June 20th you are hereby authorized to enter into formal contract with the following firms to furnish supplies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, at the prices indicated:

OILS

The O. F. Zurn Co., Philadelphia, Pa.	Cylinder	per gal.	$0.65
The O. F. Zurn Co., Philadelphia, Pa.	Machine	" "	0.31
The O. F. Zurn Co., Philadelphia, Pa.	Rolling Mill oil	" "	0.49
Union Petroleum Co., Philadelphia, Pa.	Engine Oil	" "	0.297

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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June 20, 1921.

Superintendent, U.S. Assay Office,

New York, N.Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to enter into formal contract with the firms named below, to furnish the supplies listed during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, at the prices indicated:

THE CONLEY FOIL COMPANY

Lead Foil, to be cut, with paper between to prevent edges adhering, into pieces about 2½" x 1 3/8" weighing 5 grams each or 6 to the oz. Troy, to be free from gold and silver, antimony, bismuth and tin, per lb.	.22

CHAS COOPER & COMPANY

Cadium Rods, pure, per lb.	1.38
Borax, Crystal Refined, 100 lb. to bag, per lb.	.06¼
Sodium Nitrate, 200 lbs. to bag,	3.85 cwt.
Ammonium Chloride, 99% in barrels, free from iron	.09
Ammonium Chloride, C.P. per lb.	.51½
Iron Sulphate Commercial in barrels,	2.65 cwt.
Bone Ash 30-60 mesh, per lb.	.09½
Bone Ash 80-100 mesh, per lb.	.07½
Zinc, in slabs, 99% fine, per lb.	.10½

EMPIRE CARTAGE COMPANY

Carting ashes, old bricks, mortar and soaked wood, etc., 1 1/2 cu. yds. to Load equal to nine (9) ash cans	1.80
per load, per sq. yd.	.60
(Extra Labor) per hour	

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GENERAL CHEMICAL COMPANY

Ammonia Water, C.P., 26% in 4 lbs. bottles per lb.	$ .15
Sulphuric Acid 66° Baume in 9 lbs. bottles, C.P. per lb. .	.09
Muriatic Acid, C.P. in 6 lb. Bottles per lb.	.09
Nitric Acid, 400 Baume, free from Cl. per lb.	.07¼
Nitric Acid, C.P., 42° in carboys, per lb.	.13
Nitric Acid, C.P., 42° in 7 lb. bottles, per lb.	.14

JOHN MANVILLE CORPORATION

Asbestos cloth, 36" wide per yd.	3.00 (sq.yd.)

KALBFLEISCH CORPORATION

Sulphuric Acid, 66° Baume, Commercial, per lb.	.0175
Muriatic Acid, Commercial, per lb.	.02

NATIONAL CHARCOAL COMPANY

Charcoal, powdered, 150 lbs. to barrel,	per lb.	.03
Charcoal, granular, 150 lbs. to barrel,	per lb.	.03¼
Charcoal, lump,	per bush.	.60

NATIONAL ICE COMPANY

Ice, daily supply, 300 lbs. per cwt.....	.40

NEW YORK LINEN S & L COMPANY

Laundering Towels, each	.011

STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Fuel Oil, as per specification, per gallon	.07

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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June 22, 1921.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin, Chief Clerk,
United States Mint, Philadelphia,
c/o U.S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed from New York to Philadelphia for duty in connection with the Mint at Philadelphia, and return to New York to resume your present duties as early as practicable.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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June 23, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Section of Surety Bonds.

Sir:

Herewith find for approval executed bond, together with signature cards in triplicate of Mr. Harry H. Stewart, Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 23, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of July 3rd concerning a lost package addressed to the Comptroller of the Treasury concerning an appeal by Charles C. Middlebrooks, will state that a search of this office fails to disclose any such papers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 22, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The provisions of Section 403 of the Emergency Tariff Act of May 27, 1921 necessitate a revision of the language of the proclamation in the Department's quarterly circular "Value of Foreign Coins". In this connection there is being forwarded herewith suggestion of the Chief of the Division of Customs as to the language which should be used.

Below is given suggestion of this office as to the language which should be used, the first part of which more nearly follows that used for some years past, and more exactly states the basis of the estimates made by the Director of the Mint.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25 of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV of the Act of May 27, 1921, I hereby proclaim the following estimate by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning _____, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. June 23 1921

Secretary.

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June 23, 1921.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In accordance with your recommendation of June 20th you are hereby authorized to enter into formal contract with the following firms to furnish your institution with supplies for fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, at the prices indicated:

Continental Oil Co.	Fuel Oil	per Gal.	.09½ *	
Western Iron Foundry Co.	Iron Castings	per cwt.	7.00	
Denver Towel Supply Co.	Laundry	Hand towels	.02½	each
		Bath "	.03	"
S.L. Threadgill	Removing Ashes	Double - horse load	2.50	

* Continental Oil Company, 9½ cents per Gal. subject to advance or decline on basis of 1/8 cent per Gal. for every 5 cent advance or decline in price Mid Continent crude oil now quoted at $1.00 per barrel.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Assistant Secretary.

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June 24, 1921.

Mr. Walter J. Casey,

Mint Bureau.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Mint at Philadelphia on business connected with this Bureau. While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. JUN 24 1921

Assistant Secretary.

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June 30, 1 PM.

Honorable Albert G. Vestal,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage,
Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 21st asking for my opinion as to the merits of a proposed Bill, H.R. 6109, copy of which you enclose, providing the issue of a gold dollar in commemoration of the centenary of the birth of Ulysses S. Grant, late President of the United States.

I would like to suggest, from the point of view of the Treasury, it would be less objectionable to have the proposed coin take the form of a silver dollar or half dollar. As you doubtless recall, the special coins recently authorized to commemorate the admission of several States to the Union, the Pilgrim Tercentenary and other historical anniversaries, have been silver half dollars of the usual weight and fineness, issued under restrictions which have now been well worked out in a form acceptable to the Treasury and to the Mint. I would like to suggest an amendment by the Committee along those lines.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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June 24, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 11th instant requesting conversion tables for Indian rupees to dollars and vice versa, for forwarding to the American Consulate at Nairobi, Colony of Kenya, Africa. Responding thereto I am forwarding herewith copies of the Treasury Department Circular "Value of Foreign Coins" and of the New York quotation reported to the Department by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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June 27, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

Herewith find for appropriate action duplicate check with indemnity bond covering payment under date of March 14, 1919 by the Assayer in Charge of the New Orleans Mint to the New Orleans Gas Light Company of the sum of $15.81.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1921.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding letter of the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing dated May 18, 1921 with accompanying Post Office Department settlement warrant No. 915203 of April 25, 1918 in the sum of $1721.70, and No. 32427 dated August 17, 1918 in the sum of $520.50.

It appears from our records that certificate of deposit No. 555 dated January 23, 1919 covers item of $1721.70. Our records do not show issue of certificate of deposit covering the other item of $520.50.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

July 1, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In pursurance of the provisions of section twenty-five of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.
Inc.

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July 1, 1921.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25, of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, I hereby proclaim the following estimate by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning July 1, 1921, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Secretary.

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June 30, 1921.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Treasury,

(Division of Appointments)

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith, for your approval, the official bond of Hon. Freas Styer, as Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa., also signature cards in triplicate.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Appropriations Act, Approved March 1, 1896, that the business of this office for the month ended June 30, 1921, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1921.

RECLASSIFICATION COMMISSION.

SEMI-MONTHLY REPORT FROM UNIT NO. 42.

The Chief of the

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions I beg to report to the Congressional Joint Commission on Reclassification of Salaries the following changes in the duties of the employees of this Bureau:

Mary M. O'Reilly from the position of Computer and Adjuster of Accounts at $2200 per annum to the position of Executive Clerk at $3000 per annum, effective June 16, 1921.

Jas L. Schwarz from the position of Clerk at $1600 to Computer and Adjuster of Accounts at $2200, vice Mary M. O'Reilly, promoted, effective June 16, 1921.

W. Shelland, Clerk at $1600 to Clerk at $1800, vice Osia[illegible]. Schwarz, promoted, effective June 16, 1921.

One change in the membership of the Bureau employees was effected by the transfer and promotion of Arthur C. Probey from the position of Clerk in the office of the Auditor for the War Department at $1200 to the position of Clerk at $1600 in this office, effective June 16, 1921.

Respectfully,

Form CR-3 enclosed.

Director of the Mint.

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July 1, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning letter of the Director of the United States Geological Survey dated May 16th with the information that platinum is used in the Mint Bureau Laboratory; R. T. Baker, Director of the Mint, should be addressed with regard to the same.

It is suggested that the laboratories of the Internal Revenue Bureau and of the Public Health Service also use platinum, but that the names of the persons who should be addressed with regard thereto are not known by this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 5, 1921.

Mr. F. J. Quirk,
c/o U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon completion of the Annual Settlement of the Philadelphia Mint you are hereby authorized and requested to continue on duty at the Philadelphia Mint representing the Mint Bureau on the work of verification of contents of sealed vaults in connection with transfer from the retiring Superintendent to the incoming Superintendent.

While engaged in this duty your necessary travel expenses and $4.00 per diem in lieu of actual expenses for subsistence will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

JUL 6 1921

Approved.

Under Secretary.

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July 8, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GILBERT:

The last gold dollar issued was the McKinley dollar, authorized by Act of February 23, 1916.

AN ACT for the coinage of a McKinley souvenir gold dollar in commemoration of the erection of a memorial to William McKinley, late President of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of aiding in defraying the cost of completing in a suitable manner the work of erecting a memorial in the city of Niles, Ohio, to William McKinley, late President of the United States of America, the Secretary of the Treasury shall be, and is hereby, authorized to purchase in the market so much gold bullion as may be necessary for the purpose herein provided for, from which there shall be coined at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, standard gold dollars of the legal weight and fineness, to the number of not exceeding one hundred thousand pieces, to be known as the McKinley souvenir dollar, struck in commemoration of the erection of a memorial to William McKinley, late President of the United States of America, in the city of Niles, Ohio, his birthplace, the devices and designs upon which coins shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury; and all provisions of law relative to the coinage and legal-tender quality of the standard gold dollar shall be applicable to the coins issued under this act, and when so coined said souvenir dollars shall be delivered, in suitable parcels, at par, and without cost to the United States, to the National McKinley Birthplace Memorial Association and the dies shall be destroyed.

Approved February 23, 1916.

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The coinage of the gold dollar (as one of the constituent coins of our monetary system) was discontinued by Act of September 26, 1890.

(Act of Sept. 26, 1890, ch. 945, 26 Stat. L. 485)

(Sec. 1.) That from and after the passage of this act the coinage of the three-dollar gold piece, the one-dollar gold piece, and the three-cent nickel piece be, and the same is hereby, prohibited, and the piece named shall not be struck or issued by the Mint of the United States.

(Sec. 2.) That as fast as the said coins shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States they shall be withdrawn from circulation and be recoined into other denominations of coins.

The gold dollar coin is so small as to be easily lost and does not afford sufficient surface for a satisfactory design, particularly where a portrait is contemplated. Much criticism was given the McKinley gold dollar because of poor portraiture.

The most recent commemoratory coins authorized were:

1. Alabama Centenary, half dollar, Act May 10, 1920 (Not issued)
2. Maine Centenary, half dollar, Act May 10, 1920 (Issued)
3. Pilgrim Tercentenary, half dollar, Act May 12, 1920 (Issued)
4. Missouri Centenary, half dollar, Act Mar. 4, 1921 (In course of issue)

From the viewpoint of the Mint Bureau the silver dollar or half dollar provides for a more artistic and generally more satisfactory design, is more practical and more acceptable to the public. There is no serious objection to the gold dollar issue by the Mint Bureau.

Director of the Mint.

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July 11, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Section of Surety Bonds.

Sir:

Herewith please find bond of John McCabe, Assayer, U.S. Mint, San Francisco, California, respectfully forwarded for your approval.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 13, 1921.

Mr. Norman P. Webster,
c/o U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Upon completion of the annual settlement at the New York Assay Office you are hereby authorized to stop en route home and visit the Mint at Philadelphia for the purpose of familiarizing yourself with the coining department operative methods therein installed.

While engaged in this duty your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. JUL 13 1921

Under Secretary.

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July 16, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to suggest that the United States Civil Service Commission be requested to authorize the promotion of Mr. Eugene L. Russell from the position of messenger in this office to the position of clerk, minor grade.

Mr. Russell has been employed in this office for 35 years, the first four of which were as a helper, the remainder of the time being in the grades of assistant messenger and messenger. He is 51 years of age. The work of the Mint Bureau is largely technical and he has familiarized himself, through long service, with certain portions of it in the minor clerk grade and has been of material assistance thereon. This, however, has not been through definite assignment of duties, the work having been performed voluntarily and without the receipt of additional compensation.

Mr. Russell recently took the Civil Service examination for promotion to the position of clerk, minor grade, but doubtless as a result of nervousness failed to qualify.

I am of the opinion that the proposed promotion is entirely warranted by the conditions in this case, and that it will be but a just recognition of the long and meritorious service of this employee. I strongly recommend your approval of same as well as favorable action by the Civil Service Commission.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 16, 1921.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding notice of credit in the disbursing account of James E. Russell, Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office, Deadwood, S.D. of $650.00, by warrant No. 620, dated July 7, 1921. This warrant was received at the Deadwood office at the time the office was being transferred to Mr. Russell's successor, Mr. Harry H. Stewart, and the warrant is not being taken into the account of Mr. Russell, and I have therefore to request that the same be cancelled.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 16, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to notice of July 12th will state that in my judgment none of the employees of the Mint Bureau are below a fair standard of efficiency.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 19, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Printing and Stationery.

Sir:

Will you please furnish for official use of this Bureau 5 books of Government Requests for Transportation, 10 requests to each book.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 20, 1921.

Mr. Marshall R. White,
Chief Electrician and Foreman of Machinery,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Julesburg, Colorado for the purpose of joining me on train en route for Cheyenne for conference in regard to matters connected with the Denver Mint. Upon reaching Cheyenne you will return to your post of duty at Denver. While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Under Secretary.

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July 20, 1921.

Mr. John C. Wells, Supt. Coining Department,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Julesburg, Colorado for the purpose of joining me on train en route for Cheyenne for conference in regard to matters connected with the Denver Mint. Upon reaching Cheyenne you will return to your post of duty at Denver. While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Under Secretary.

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July 20, 1921.

Mr. Robert J. Grant, Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Julesburg, Colorado for the purpose of joining me on train en route for Cheyenne for conference in regard to matters connected with the Denver Mint. Upon reaching Cheyenne you will return to your post of duty at Denver. While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Under Secretary.

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July 20, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have to recommend that the temporary appointment of William H. Welsh as a Melter at the United States Mint at Denver from April 26, 1921, be amended to provide for his reinstatement. Mr. Welsh resigned his place as Melter on June 23, 1920, which would make him eligible for reinstatement on the date named.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 21, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding bills as below from the American Railway Express Company, forwarded to this office but not chargeable to appropriations under control of this office.

D/6/224	$ 21.05
D/6/223	10.68
D/6/222	4.75
D/6/220	112.74
D/6/219	118.52
D/6/218	191.46

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 25, 1921.

Hon. S. P. Gilbert, Jr.,
Budget Officer,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the Secretary's letter of July 21, 1921, forwarding data concerning estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year 1923, together with blank forms upon which estimates are to be submitted.

Steps are being taken for submission of the estimates at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 25, 1921.

Memorandum for Mr. Awalt:

In accordance with suggestions contained in your memorandum of this date I have caused to be prepared and forwarded to the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office a copy of our letter of July 23, 1921 to the Vice President of the National City Bank of New York.

A copy of our letter to the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office of July 23, 1921 relative to the official mint mark of the Government of Denmark has also been furnished your office in accordance with your request.

Copies of the correspondence with the National City Bank of New York on the subject of the official mint mark of the Government of Denmark have been furnished Mr. Gilbert's office for filing in the Russian gold files, together with the original letter from the Assistant Secretary of State dated July 20, 1921, a copy of which has been retained in this office.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 26, 1921.

Mr. Freas Styer,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington for the purpose of conferring upon business connected with your institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

JUL 27 1921

Approved.

S. D. Gilbertz

Under Secretary.

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July 26, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the following periodicals are required for official use in this Bureau and to request your authority to make payment for same in advance, in accordance with the Act of March 4, 1915:

The Bankers Magazine, New York
Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin
Commercial and Financial Chronicle
The Annalist
The Engeneering and Mining Journal
The New York Times (Daily only)
Federal Statutes Annotated, Supplement
The Banker's Magazine, London
The Mining Journal
The Economist
The Statist
The Monetary Times, Toronto, Canada
The Capital, Calcutta, India
The Far Eastern Review, Changhai, China
South African Mining Journal, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Approved:

S. D. Gilbreath

Under Secretary.

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July 27, 1921.

Mr. T.J. Quirk,
c/o Uned States Mint,
Philadphia, Pa.

Sir:

Youare hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington, D.C., on business connected with the Laboratory of he Mint Bureau, Friday, July 30, 1921.

Whil engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsisence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent xpenses, Office of Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved.

S. T. Gilbert

Under Secretary.

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Not Sent

July 29, 1921.

Memorandum for Mr. Gilbert:

This office is in receipt of a communication from the Pennsylvania Smelting Co. under date of July 20th requesting information as to how much of their stock of silver on hand June 30, 1921 they are entitled to tender and ship to the mints. The communication in question is being forwarded herewith, also reports of the Pennsylvania Smelting Company showing their receipts, sales, etc., during the operation of the Pittman Act up to and including June 30, 1921. I am also enclosing herewith tabulation made in this office based on my understanding of the regulations governing purchases of silver under the Pittman Act, showing sales made by the Pennsylvania Smelting Company, tabulated according to whether they are chargeable as domestic or as foreign. According to my understanding of the regulations, as reflected in this tabulation, the Pennsylvania Smelting Company to June 30, 1921 had oversold to the mints as domestic bullion 92,756 ounces. Your approval or modification of this result is requested.

In this connection I beg to advise that the actual receipts at the mints of silver from the Pennsylvania Smelting Company to June 30, 1921 totaled 2,358,913 ounces, including 120,913 ounces received through Handy & Harman and the Equitable Trust Company, but not including 10,000 ounces purchased June 22, 1921 but not reported by the mint as having been received.

Respectfully.

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 28, 1921.

Dear Congressman Vestal:

In compliance with your request over the telephone there are enclosed two bills recently introduced by the Honorable Charles C. Kearns proposing the issue of a souvenir gold dollar in commemoration of the centenary of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant.

On May 11, 1921 H.R. 6119 was introduced by Congressman Kearns and appears to be in proper form, with the exception of slight changes made at your suggestion. This bill with changes submitted appears to be more in the interest of the Government, and may be more satisfactory to your Committee and those interested in the bill than H.R. 7964 introduced July 26, 1921, for the same purpose.

Very truly your's,

A. W. Mellon

Secretary.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal,
Chairman, Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

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August 2, 1921.

Chief, Division of Appointments,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of August 1st relative to keeping of efficiency ratings, I beg to state that no formal system of efficiency rating is kept by this office for the reason that the number of employees and the work of each one comes directly under the observation of the Director of the Mint; such system is therefore considered unessential.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 2, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Appropriations Act, Approved March 1, 1896, that the business of this office for the month ended July 31, 1921, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 1, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of the Department of State, Di-124/60 D 6/- July 28, 1921, stating that interrogatories previously forwarded by this Department concerning the production, coinage, industrial consumption, and monetary stock of gold and silver, as well as other monetary matters, have not been received by the American representatives accredited to Siam, Finland, Latvia, Esthonia and Lithuania, I have the honor to forward herewith, as requested, copies of interrogatories in duplicate for furnishing to the countries in question. But a single copy is provided bearing the name of the Lithuanian Government for the reason that our supply of interrogatory forms is exhausted.

Respectfully,

[signature]

Secretary.

5 enclosures
4 enc. in duplicate.

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August 2, 1921.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the hor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 30th enclsing copy of note from the Minister of Costa Rica in which he requests the coinage of three thousand pieces of two colns each.

It is understo that the dies for this coin will be sent to the Mint at Philadelphia, and that the representative of the Costa Rican Government to receive these coins at the Mint will be designat by the Legation.

I take pleasure stating that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphi has been instructed to proceed with this coinage without dey.

By direction of the Secretary.

Under Secretary.

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The Honor..ble.

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 26th enclosing copy of despatch in which the Charge d'Affaires ad interim at Santiago requests, for the Chilean Foreign Office, copies of any laws, regulations or orders which reserve to this Government the right to manufacture medals or wedges.

In reply I would state there is no law which reserves to the Government of the United States the right to manufacture medals of any type.

By direction of the Secretary,

S. D. Elliott Jr.

Under Secretary.

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August 8, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of August 6th relative to names to be submitted for the "Social List" of the White House, I beg to forward the name of Honorable Raymond T. Baker, Director of the Mint.

Respectfully.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 11, 1921.

Memorandum for Mr. Croxton:

I am returning herewith Senate Bill 1799 introduced by Senator Willis May 14, 1921 proposing the coinage of a Grant souvenir gold dollar in commemoration of the centenary of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant, late President of the United States, which was forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury by Senator Frelinghuysen under date of August 9th.

A similar Bill, H.R. 1669, was introduced on May 11, 1921 by Congressman Kearns, and a letter relative to the same was addressed by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of July 28, 1921 to the Chairman of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures of the House. A copy of this letter is attached.

It is suggested that Section 2, Senate Bill 1799, be amended in accordance with notation on copy of bill attached for the reason that should the bill be passed in its present form the designs and devices to be used in the preparation of coinage dies would be restricted to the requirements of Section 3517, R.S., which reads as follows:

> "Sec. 3517. Upon the coins there shall be the following devices and legends: Upon one side there shall be an impression emblematic of liberty, with an inscription of the word "Liberty" and the year of the coinage, and upon the reverse shall be the figure or representation of an eagle, with the inscriptions "United States of America"

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and "E Pluribus Unum," and the designation of the value of the coin; but on the gold dollar * * * * the eagle shall be omitted; * * * *".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 11, 1921.

Secretary of the Treasury,
(Division of Printing and Stationery)

Sir:

As requested in your letter of August 10, 1921, please find enclosed forms properly filled out, giving the information required, viz, relative to the issuance of periodicals by this bureau.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of Mint.

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August 11, 1921.

Honorable J. M. Wainwright,
Acting Secretary of War,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of July 29th addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the Skinner Medal and enclosing letter from the Commandant, Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., dated July 21, 1921, has been forwarded to this Bureau for attention. Replying you are advised that the medal dies, following the design enclosed, can be engraved for $75.00.

It is suggested that the medal should be two inches in diameter and weigh approximately two ounces, which will allow for engraving and case.

If the order for the dies is received at once there will be no difficulty in making the first medal by Dec. 1, 1921.

An impression from the dies would be sent to Col. Ashburn for his approval before making the gold medal.

Photographs, films and drawings will be held in this office pending receipt of reply from you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 11, 1921.

Memorandum for the Under Secretary:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918 up to the close of business August 10th.

Philadelphia	16,491,000
San Francisco	3,790,000
Denver	5,057,000
	25,338,000

The Director of the Mint, who is now in the Mint at San Francisco, reports that he expects the output of that institution to be increased to over 200,000 daily.

The output of the Mint at Philadelphia has been increased to 235,000 per day, and the maximum capacity of the Denver Mint of 100,000 daily has already been reached.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

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August 12, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of August 6th I am enclosing herewith form showing statement of services rendered to the publi for which fee is charged, and a statement of free services rendered to the public by the Bureau of the Mint, both of which statements are negative.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reily

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 13, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is application for annuity in the case of Daniel J. Devereaux, watchman in the United States Mint, New Orleans, La., which is approved and respectfully forwarded.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 13, 1921.

Chief, Division of Appointments,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is receipt of L. Orlin Meek in acknowledgment of Notice of Separation from Service.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 8, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter received by the Director of the Mint from Mr. Preston McGoodwin, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Government of Venezuela, as to certain interrogatories issued by the Treasury concerning the production, coinage, industrial consumption and monetary stock of gold and silver.

Will you kindly express to Mr. McGoodwin the Treasury's appreciation of the interest taken by him in preparing replies to the questions. The information furnished by Mr. McGoodwin is of much interest as well as of value.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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August 15, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that Mr. John R. Hall, helper in the United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, be reduced from $1080 to $900 per annum, effective August 1, 1921.

I have also to recommend that Mr. Fred J. Allen, Assistant Assayer, be dropped from the rolls without prejudice at the close of business August 31, 1921.

These changes are in accordance with the agreement made to reduce the cost of operating the various Mints and Assay Offices where possible. The changes have the approval of the Assayer in Charge, Mr. Curtis F. Pike.

Respectfully

M. W. Gilbert

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 15, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary I acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 10th enclosing a Danish twenty kroner piece which was omitted from the enclosures of the despatch of May 19, 1921, received from the American Legation at Copenhagen and forwarded to this Department on June 8, 1921.

Respectfully,

Under Secretary.

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August 16, 1911.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of July 26th it is requested that a copy of the Code book referred to be furnished this office for use in the Bureau Library.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 17, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Will you kindly provide for use of this office 30 copies of the Bureau of Efficiency questionaire forwarded with your letter of August 16, 1921.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Director of the Mint,

Treasury Department

August 18, 1921.

Office of Director of the Mint

Fix window shade Room 168

M. McReilly

Acting Director of Mint.

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August 15, 1921.

Dear Senator Frelinghuysen:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 9th enclosing copy of Senate Bill 1799.

I would suggest that Section 2 be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. That all provisions of law relative to the coinage and legal tender quality of the standard gold dollar shall, so far as applicable, apply to the coins issued under this Act."

A similar Bill, H.R. 6119, copy of which is enclosed, was introduced in the House on May 11, 1921, and on August 13th was reported with amendments and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed. The amendments in H.R. 6119 were suggested in letter addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures under date of July 28, 1921, copy of which is enclosed.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

3 enclosures.

Hon. Joseph S. Frelinghuysen,
United States Senate.

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August 19, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of August 18th I beg to submit the name of Mr. Walter J. Casey as member of this Bureau designated to keep a record of the space assigned to this office.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 20, 1921.

Memorandum for the Under Secretary.

I have the honor to request further instructions with reference to your memorandum of August 13th, also conversation of yesterday, concerning the purchase of silver under the terms of the Pittman Act. It is understood from verbal directions that an accounting year to end June 30th is to be made effective. Presumably this will be applied to vendor's transactions as disclosed by their abstracts from books of account, and will cover receipts, percentages resulting therefrom, product, sales, etc., and that transactions of one fiscal year will not be affected by those of another; that new percentages will be built up beginning with each fiscal year, and that those of the prior fiscal year will pertain only to that year; that any stock of silver in the hands of a vendor at the end of the fiscal year, not properly salable to the Director of the Mint in accordance with percentages then effective, must be definitely shown as not thereafter so salable. It is also understood that the period from January 17, 1920 (the opening date for consideration of reduction work's receipts) to June 30, 1921 is to be considered as constituting the first fiscal year. Approval or modification of the understanding here expressed is respectfully requested.

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August 22, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your circular letter of August 16th I am enclosing herewith report on the use of Government receipts for use by the Bureau of Efficiency in connection with the Budget.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1921.

Mr. John C. Wells,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Mint at San Francisco on business connected with the Mint at Denver.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver.

Respectfully,

W. M. Daily

Acting Director of the Mint.

AUG 22 1921

Approved.

S. D. Gilbert

Under Secretary.

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August 22, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report in accordance with your circular letter of August 19th that there are no papers, documents, etc., in this office which are not needful or useful in the transaction of current business or which are without permanent value or historical interest.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith estimate of appropriations for the fiscal year 1923, together with explanation of increases asked for, in conformity with the first paragraph of your letter dated August 6th and first paragraph on second page of Budget Bureau letter dated July 15, 1921.

For the Director's office in Washington no increases are estimated on the basis of reclassification or anticipated $240 bonus discontinuance. For the field service, adjustments on account of anticipated bonus discontinuance are made, it being understood that the pending proposed reclassification legislation pertains only to the departmental service in Washington. In numerous cases, therefore, what appear to be increases in field institution estimates are in reality decreases. Small adjustments have also been made to provide divisibility of per annum rates into round monthly portions for quick computation.

In specially meritorious cases increases have been estimated for both the Washington office and field offices of the Mint Service. These increases are estimated, not on the basis of reclassification nor with the idea of providing adequate compensation for the services rendered, but in the hope that the incumbents of these statutory positions, many of them highly trained experts, often working long in excess of regular working hours without extra compensation, and

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long receiving compensation so low as to be ridiculously inadequate, may be given some slight recognition of their worth, devotion to duty, and pecuniary loss during recent years.

The proposed increases would provide but a small approach to the increases which have been recognized as due and which are being allowed by administrative officers from lump-sum appropriations for services of no greater value to the Government. In most cases they are very small when it is considered that they contemplate discontinuance of the $240.00 bonus.

More than half of the U.S. Government's cash assets and about 6/7ths of the metallic money stock of the Government were in the custody of the Mint Service on June 30, 1921 (pp. 901-902 Finance Report 1920). The proportion of the Government's metallic money stock held by the Mint Service is now greater than ever before. At the New York Assay Office alone the metallic stock of June 30, 1921 totaled over $1,600,000,000, the vast majority of which was gold, while additional millions in paper currency give total cash assets of over $1,692,000,000. The daily cash transactions at the New York institution generally total several millions and are always in or above the hundreds of thousands; at the coinage mints many millions of dollars are always on hand, largely gold and silver, and the daily cash transactions are in or above the hundreds of thousands of dollars. For the small institutions standardization, so far as possible, has been indicated and increases have been estimated for the responsible officers to bring their compensation somewhat nearer a fair return for the character of services required. The variety of information necessary for these employees in order that they may perform their duties in reasonable conformity with the infinite laws and regulations which hedge about every Government transaction is such that, in addition to the financial respon-

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sibility involved, the compensation provided for them in recent years has been pronouncedly inadequate and far below that paid commercially.

The long continued enormous demands upon the Mint Service are considered as being another justification for the statutory salary increases requested. The imports of gold arriving at the New York Assay Office show no signs of diminishing, and the war time demand on the coinage mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Denver for coin, now in the form of silver dollars in order that the investment in silver bullion may not be a dead asset, is not abating.

The responsible officials of the Mint Service, from the Director down and including heads of departments both in Washington and in the field, being responsible for these vast sums and operations therewith, should be allowed compensation more in conformity with that paid for similar responsibilities in large non-Governmental financial institutions.

It will be noted that the estimated expenditure from the wages appropriation of the New York Assay Office is greater by approximately $25,000 than the amount available for the current year. The enormous gold receipts at that office show no present signs of diminishing, and if they continue the institution will be unable to get through the year on the amount available. At the time estimates were made in compliance with "First Budget Regulations" dated July 1, 1921, of savings during the current fiscal year, the imports of gold had shown a material falling off, indicating the possibility of early reduction of the extra force of employees essential to meet the demands of the public. Since that time the large volume of deposits due to imports has been resumed. Part of this estimated excess of expenditure is due to transfer of the New York Sub-Treasury building to the custody of the Superintendent of the

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Assay Office, necessitating the use of this wages appropriation for paying engineers, watchmen, elevator conductors, charforce, etc. This extra burden could not have been anticipated when estimates were made in 1920 for the needs of the fiscal year 1922. The estimated requirements under this appropriation head for the fiscal year 1923 are practically the same as those anticipated for the year now in progress except as to additional custodian's force and the provisions for bonus change.

Notwithstanding the increases requested the total estimates for 1923 are $28,400 less than was appropriated for the same purposes for the current fiscal year (1922). Of the $164,750 estimated 1923 increased requirements on account of regular yearly appropriations over estimated 1922 expenditures, $91,715 is due to provision for anticipated bonus discontinuance to <u>per diem</u> employees at our four large institutions <u>only</u>.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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ESTIMATED MINT SERVICE RECEIPTS TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE TREASURY

	Items	Fiscal Year 1922	Fiscal Year 1923
Net appropriated	Seignorage on silver dollars	$16,000,000	8,000,000
	" Subsidiary silver coinage	1,000,000	2,000,000
	" Minor coinage	1,000,000	2,000,000
	Charges on bullion deposits, etc.	500,000	500,000
Re credit available appropriations	Charges for services to be rendered and work to be performed	270,000	200,000
	Seignorage on minor coinage available for distribution costs and operating waste	35,000	50,000
	Bureau Totals	18,805,000	12,750,000

ESTIMATED MINT SERVICE EXPENDITURES

Items	Fiscal year 1922	Fiscal year 1923
From regular yearly appropriations	$1,370,330	$1,535,080
From estimated appropriation reimbursements	180,000	150,000
From special fund for recoinage of silver dollars	253,000	230,000
From seignorage on minor coinage available for distribution costs and operating waste	35,000	50,000
Bureau Totals	1,838,330	1,965,080

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August 23, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith applications for continuance in the service of John S. Harlan and John W. Yerkes, employees of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, with request that the same be approved and forwarded to the United States Civil Service Commission for action.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 22, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Attention is respectfully invited to the fact that the demands now being made upon the United States Assay Office at New York covering the receipt of extraordinary amounts of gold, far in excess of the deposits for the latter months of the fiscal year 1921, exceed the capacity of that institution when limited in its operations to the regular hours of business. To handle the increased volume of business it will be necessary to operate the Assay Office overtime. To meet the expenses incident to such overtime it will be necessary, for the time being, to exceed the apportionment of the funds for wages at the rate of approximately $2,000 per month.

1/ Section 3679, R.S., as amended by Act of February 27, 1906 provides:-

" * * * All appropriations made for contingent expenses or other general purposes, except appropriations made in fulfillment of contract obligations expressly authorized by law, or for objects required or authorized by law without reference to the amounts annually appropriated therefor, shall, on or before the beginning of each fiscal year, be so apportioned by monthly or other allotments as to prevent expenditures in one portion of the year which may necessitate deficiency or additional appropriations to complete the service of the fiscal year for which said appropriations are made; and all such apportionments shall be adhered to and shall not be waived or modified except upon the happening of some extraordinary emergency or unusual circumstance which could not be anticipated at

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the time of making such apportionment, but this provision shall not apply to the contingent appropriations of the Senate or House of Representatives; and in case said apportionments are waived or modified as herein provided, the same shall be waived or modified in writing by the head of such Executive Department or other Government establishment having control of the expenditure, and the reasons therefor shall be fully set forth in each particular case and communicated to Congress in connection with estimates for any additional appropriations required on account thereof * * *."

As an extraordinary emergency, accompanied by unusual conditions now exists at the New York Assay Office, I have the honor to request that the monthly apportionment for wages of workmen, 1922, of the institution named be waived.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved. August 14, 1922

Secretary.

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August 25, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of August 19th I have to submit the following:

The field offices of this Bureau are located as follows:

Philadelphia	Coinage Mints
Denver	
San Francisco	
New York, N.Y.	Assay Offices
New Orleans, La.	
Carson City, Nev.	
Boise, Idaho	
Salt Lake City, Utah	
Deadwood, S.D.	
Seattle, Wash.	
Helena, Mont.	

The lawful business of coinage mints is the receipt, determination of value, and payment for, deposits of gold and silver bullion; the parting and refining of bullion; the manufacture and sale of bars, and the manufacture of coin; and, at the Philadelphia Mint, the manufacture of dies and medals.

The business of the Assay Office at New York City is the same as that of the coinage mints, except that coin shall not be manufactured thereat.

The business of other mint service institutions is confined by law to the receipt, determination of value, and payment for deposits of gold bullion, and, when requested, the return as stamped unparted bars, of the identical bullion received from depositors.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1921.

Memorandum for Mr. Awalt:

In accordance with your verbal instructions I am enclosing herewith list of deposits made during the month of August at the New York Assay Office which originated in Colombia, S.A.

Respectfully,

W. Th. O'Neill

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1921.

Memorandum for Mr. Ault:

In accordance with your request of yesterday I am enclosing herewith plate showing the stamps of each of the six testers of the laboratory of Paris.

Respectfully,

W. M. Peirce

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 29, 1921.

Memorandum for the Under Secretary:

Referring to your notation on memorandum from this office August 27th I have the honor to state that the Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York has advised this Bureau that deposits being received from Colombia, S.A., enumerated in his letter of August 26th, are regarded as being without suspicion of Soviet origin. Affidavits are being required in all cases where there is any occasion to doubt the integrity of the deposits.

The Superintendent further stated that the instructions contained in your letter of August 23rd relative to certain deposits of the Irving National Bank are being carefully observed.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

WHERE WRITTEN: MR. GILBERT'S OFFICE.

Washington, August 30, 1921.

TO THE

Superintendent, Assay Office, NEW YORK, N.Y.
Assayer in Charge, Assay Office, Salt LAKE CITY, UTAH.
" " DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA.
" " BOISE, IDAHO.
" " HELENA, MONTANA.
" " SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.
" U. S. Mint, CARSON, NEVADA.
Superintendent, U. S. Mint, PHILADELPHIA, PA.
" " DENVER, COLORADO.
" " SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
Assayer in Charge, " NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Referring to telegram of August 29th as to Roumanian gold, State Department advises further that the Roumanian gold deposited in Moscow apparently bore no mark of any kind. You will, therefore, exercise special care with regard to unmarked gold bars to which any suspicion or possibility of Soviet origin attaches, and report any doubtful or suspicious cases to the Director of the Mint for instructions.

GILBERT.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT RATES. SPG/AWM

"Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1922"

CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ..... The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122 A.

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August 22, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit herewith estimate of appropriations for the fiscal year 1923, together with explanation of increases asked for, in conformity with the first paragraph of your letter dated August 8th and first paragraph on second page of Budget Bureau letter dated July 15, 1921.

These estimates assume either continuance of the $240 bonus or reclassification of both Washington and field services.

In specially meritorious cases increases have been estimated, not with the idea of providing adequate compensation for the services rendered, but in the hope that the incumbents of these statutory positions, most of them highly trained experts, often working long in excess of regular working hours without extra compensation, and long receiving compensation so low as to be ridiculously inadequate, may be given some slight recognition of their worth, devotion to duty, and pecuniary loss during recent years. Other increases are based on large financial responsibility. The messenger and skilled laborer in the Director's office for whom increases are estimated are by reason of long service and training exceptionally capable and are well deserving of the increases requested.

The proposed increases would provide but a small approach to the increases which have been recognized as due and which are being allowed by administrative officers from lump-sum appropriations for services of no greater value to the

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Government.

More than half of the U.S. Government's cash assets and about 6/7ths of the metallic money stock of the Government were in the custody of the Mint Service on June 30, 1921 (pp. 901-902 Finance Report 1920). The proportion of the Government's metallic money stock held by the Mint Service is now greater than ever before. At the New York Assay Office alone the metallic stock of June 30, 1921 totaled over $1,600,000,000, the vast majority of which was gold, while additional millions in paper currency give total cash assets of over $1,692,000,000. The daily cash transactions at the New York institution generally total several millions and are always in or above the hundreds of thousands; at the coinage mints many millions of dollars are always on hand, largely gold and silver, and the daily cash transactions are in or above the hundreds of thousands of dollars. For the small institutions uniformity, so far as possible, has been indicated and increases have been estimated for the responsible officers to bring their compensation somewhat nearer a fair return for the character of services required. The variety of information necessary for these employees in order that they may perform their duties in reasonable conformity with the infinite laws and regulations which hedge about every Government transaction is such that, in addition to the financial responsibility involved, the compensation for them in recent years has been pronouncedly inadequate and far below that paid commercially.

The long continued enormous demands upon the Mint Service are considered as being another justification for the statutory salary increases requested. The imports of gold arriving at the New York Assay Office show no signs of diminishing, and the war time demand on the coinage mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Denver for coin, now in the form of silver dollars in order that

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the investment in silver bullion may not be a dead asset, is not abating.

The responsible officials of the Mint Service, from the Director down and including heads of departments both in Washington and in the field, being responsible for these vast sums and operations therewith, should be allowed compensation more in conformity with that paid for similar responsibilities in large non-Governmental financial institutions.

It will be noted that the estimated expenditure from the wages appropriation of the New York Assay Office is greater by approximately $25,000 than the amount available for the current year. The enormous gold receipts at that office show no present signs of diminishing, and if they continue the institution will be unable to get through the year on the amount available. At the time estimates were made in compliance with "First Budget Regulations" dated July 1, 1921, of savings during the current fiscal year, the imports of gold had shown a material falling off, indicating the possibility of early reduction of the extra force of employees essential to meet the demands of the public. Since that time the large volume of deposits due to imports has been resumed. Part of this estimated excess of expenditure is due to transfer of the New York Sub-Treasury building to the custody of the Superintendent of the Assay Office, necessitating the use of this wages appropriation for paying engineers, watchmen, elevator conductors, charforce, etc. This extra burden could not have been anticipated when estimates were made in 1920 for the needs of the fiscal year 1922. The estimated requirements under this appropriation head for the fiscal year 1923 are practically the same as those anticipated for the year now in progress except as to additional custodian's force.

Notwithstanding the increases requested the total estimates for 1923 are less by $159,190 than was appropriated for the same purpose for the current fiscal year (1922).

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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ESTIMATED MINT SERVICE RECEIPTS TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE TREASURY

	Items	Fiscal Year 1922	Fiscal Year 1923
Not Appropriated	Seignorage on silver dollars	$16,000,000	$ 8,000,000
	" Subsidiary silver coinage	1,000,000	2,000,000
	" Minor coinage	1,000,000	2,000,000
	Charges on bullion deposits, etc.	500,000	500,000
To the credit of available Appropriations	Charges for services to be rendered and work to be performed	270,000	200,000
	Seignorage on minor coinage available for distribution costs and operating waste	35,000	50,000
	Bureau Totals	18,805,000	12,750,000

ESTIMATED MINT SERVICE EXPENDITURES

Items	Fiscal Year 1922	Fiscal Year 1923
From regular yearly appropriations	$1,570,330	$1,404,290
From estimated appropriation reimbursements	180,000	150,000
From special fund for recoinage of silver dollars	255,000	230,000
From seignorage on minor coinage available for distribution costs and operating waste	35,000	50,000
Bureau Totals	1,838,330	1,834,290

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Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Will you please issue to Mr. Timothy J. Quirk, Assayer of this Bureau an unlimited pass. This pass is requested for the reason that the Assayer is not able to leave his laboratory at any definite time and is frequently required to remain past lunch hour at this laboratory work.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 1, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of June 4, 1921 I am transmitting herewith cards executed for each officer and employee in the Mint Service July 1, 1921 for use in the compilation of the United States Official Register for 1921.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 1, 1921.

Memorandum for the Chief, Division of Appointments:

The records of this Bureau show that Annie L. Pitkin was appointed on December 1, 1900 as Adjuster, United States Mint, New Orleans, La., and was transferred from that position on July 1, 1904 to the Post Office Department, Washington, D.C.

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 8, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations Act, Approved March 1, 1896, that the business of this office for the month ended August 31, 1921, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 3, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your circular letter of August 3rd relative to typewriting and other machines procured through exchange during the fiscal year 1921, I have to report that no exchange of such machines was effected during the period mentioned in this Bureau or at any of its field institutions.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 28, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith, approved, the application for annuity of Thomas J. Johnson, an employee of the United States Mint, New Orleans, for favorable action by your office.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir;

I am enclosing herewith application for annuity for Michael Toepfer, an employee at the United States Mint at New Orleans, with request that favorable action be taken by your office. The delay in transmitting this form was due to the fact that the original application was not submitted on the regular form and the same had to be returned to the Mint at New Orleans for correction.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding for your approval contracts for furnishing supplies during the current fiscal year to the United States Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver, and the United States Assay Office at New York.

These contracts are intended to cover supplies needed immediately by the several offices and are therefore submitted on the form which has been in use for a number of years. The suggestions made by the Solicitor are being embodied in a new form of contract to be used in future. These forms have not yet been printed, and to delay execution of the attached contracts until the new forms can be obtained would cause serious embarrassment to the respective institutions. No large amounts are involved in these contracts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 7, 1921.

Hon. Freas Styer,
Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington for the purpose of conferring upon business connected with your institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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September 7, 1921.

Mr. Robert Clark,
Superintendent, Coining Department,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.,

Sir,

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington for the purpose of conferring upon business connected with your institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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September 7, 1921.

Mr. Fred H. Chaffin,
Chief Clerk, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington for the purpose of conferring upon business connected with your institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

Assistant Secretary.

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September 7, 1921.

Mr. Norbert P. Heineman,
Superintendent, Melting and Refining Department,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington for the purpose of conferring upon business connected with your institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. SEP 7 1921

Assistant Secretary.

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September 8, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir;

I have the honor to recommend that the necessary steps be taken to reinstate Mr. Merrill A. Martin as Assistant Assayer at the United States Mint, San Francisco, at $2200 per annum, and that the Civil Service Commission be requested to waive the one year limit covering reinstatements in accordance with provisions of the Executive Order issued June 25, 1921, which reads as follows:

> "Unless otherwise provided hereinafter a person may be reinstated only to the department or independent Government establishment from which separated and upon requisition made within one year from the date of his separation. When the Commission and the appointing officer are in agreement that the public interest requires such unusual action, the Commission may authorize waiver of the one year limit herein prescribed under the following time limitations: Two years where service has been two years but less than three years; three years where service has been three years but less than four years; four years where service has been four years but less than five years; and five years where service has been five years or more."

Mr. Martin is a highly trained expert assayer. In the opinion of this Bureau his exceptionally efficient services and unusual qualifications for the technical position named justify the Department in requesting his reinstatement under the provisions of the Executive Order cited. Mr. Martin's service record in the United States Mint is as follows:

March 29, 1906	- 2nd Asst. Assayer,	Helena.	
Nov. 6, 1897	- 1st " "	Deadwood	
Feb. 19, 1900	- Weigher, San Francisco.		
May 1, 1900	- 2nd Asst. Assayer,	San Francisco	
Dec. 1, 1906	- " " "	" "	(Promotion)

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Aug. 1, 1910 - Assistant Assayer, San Francisco
July 1, 1911 - Assayer " "
March 22, 1915 - Superseded by J. W. Pack
July 15, 1921 - Assistant Assayer, temporary

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 7, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request your approval of the appointment of the following-named temporary helpers at $4.00 per diem at the United States Mint, Denver:

George W. Crowell	D. Phocion Johnson
Lester R. Dudley	John W. McCarthy
Arthur C. Eggert	David L. McCutcheon
Willis N. Gray	George W. Peters
Leonard K. Guthner	Garry A. Pierce
James C. Herring	Marcus H. Sherrill
Joseph E. Horne	John H. Shaw
Jesse E. Jordan	J. Chauncey Seitz

Albert E. Saye

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR

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September 12, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 9th relative to provisions of Department Circular 250 of August 1, and 254 of August 26, 1921, the following is submitted:

1. (a) Laboratory supplies, chemicals, acid, bone ash, equipment.

2. Purchases for laboratory in Treasury Department made in Washington under General Supply Schedule.
Supplies for field service made by respective institutions.

3. (1) The three mints and the Assay Office at New York, subject to approval of the Director of the Mint and Secretary of the Treasury, enter into annual contracts for acids, chemicals, electric current, steam, oil, ice, charcoal, laundry, carting, gas and castings.
(2) The Assay Offices located at Seattle, Boise, Helena, Deadwood, Salt Lake City, and the Mints at New Orleans and Carson City, purchase supplies from time to time from the lowest bidder, proposals being invited by circular letter addressed to dealers. A synopsis of the bids is forwarded to Washington and purchases authorized from the lowest bidder.

4. Inventory is taken each year in each institution and surplus supplies are not accumulated. In case equipment not in use in one institution can be utilized by another institution, shipment is made to the point where such articles can be utilized. Worn and discarded equipment is sold to highest bidder and proceeds turned into Treasury.

5. In addition to articles enumerated in answer to question 3 such articles as coal, graphite goods, machinery, copper for alloying subsidiary coinage, and copper for minor coinage, and nickel, are purchased after bids have been invited by circular letter.
These practices of the Mint service are justified for the reason that the business of the Mints and Assay Offices is unlike any other activity

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5. of the Government. The type of most of the supplies required varies in each institution, and the standardizing of the same would be impracticable. It is considered that the best interests of the Government are served by permitting local purchases from time to time to meet the needs of the individual institutions; such purchases being subject to the approval of the Director of the Mint.

The Character of articles for which contracts are entered into by the Assay Office at New York, and the coinage mints, such as steam, electric current, luandry, ice, etc., make it obviously impracticable to cover the same by General Supply contracts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 13, 1921.

Chief, Division of Appointments,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of August 9th relative to details of employees of the Mint Service to the District Civil Service Secretaries I have to state that Mr. J. T. White, Denver, and Mr. Karl Moyer, Philadelphia, are at present serving District Secretaries in their respective districts and carried on the rolls of the Mints at the points named.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 15, 1921.

Mr. Samuel J. Ward,
Foreman, Rolling Room,
U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Pa., on business connected with that institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the Contingent appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. SEP 17 1921

Under Secretary.

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September 17, 1921.

Memorandum for the Chief, Division of Printing and Stationery,
Secretary's Office.

In reply to telephone request I beg to submit the following concerning the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint. This Report, in addition to being a chronicle of the work performed by the Mint Service, is used as a ready reference for obtaining operating data and as a source of general information concerning monetary matters by financiers and economists.

By referring to 28 Stat. L. 616 it will be seen that 1000 copies for the Senate and 2000 copies for the House are provided, in addition to the copies which are to be provided for distribution by the Treasury Department. The quantity of the latter per 34 Stat. L.1424 is 2000 copies.

In the forthcoming Annual Report of the Director of the Mint it is estimated that a saving as compared with the Report for the prior fiscal year will amount to approximately 12 pages of text and 14 pages of statistical tables.

Additional savings in printing in this Report will be made so far as found practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 19, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Responding to your letter of September 16th requesting information for the use of the Departmental representative on the Federal Purchasing Board, the following is submitted:

The specialized articles, which articles are peculiar to the Mint Service and which can not be obtained from surplus stocks held by other branches of the Government and which can not be utilized and bought of other branches of the service or from joint purchasing agencies, are all classes of Mint machinery peculiar to mint processes.

Such service and supplies as Laundry, removing ashes, steam, electric current, gas, etc. could be purchased through purchasing agencies if present in places where institutions of the Mint service are established.

Such articles as chemicals, acids, oil, coal and graphite goods could be purchased under joint purchasing agencies under the same conditions as above. The Mints and Assay Offices are located at:

Philadelphia Denver San Francisco	Coinage Mints	New Orleans, La. Carson City, Nev.	Mints in use as Assay Offices

Assay Offices
New York, N.Y.
Deadwood, S.D.
Boise, Idaho.
Helena, Montana.
Salt Lake City, Utah.
Seattle, Washington.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 24, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am informed that in proceeding with the work of raising the west roof of the building, it is planned to provide a new office and balance room for the Assayer of this Bureau.

It is very essential that a balance room, calling for the fine degree of weighing in conjunction with assay work, be extremely well lighted, and the Assayer has called my attention to the fact that the new plans make very inadequate provisions for the above. The room as now planned will be too small for his requirements and is poorly lighted, having but one window.

The following changes are urgently recommended; more windows, more floor space, a skylight, and a communicating door between the laboratory and balance room. There is also needed a skylight to improve the light and ventilation of the present laboratory.

In view of the above it is suggested that the Supervising Architect be requested to confer with Mr. Quirk, Assayer of the Bureau, concerning the changes indicated.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

September 24, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith oath of office of Mr. C. L. Longley, Assayer in Charge, United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, dated September 17, 1921.

Respectfully,

M. McReckley

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 24, 1921.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Assistant Secretary's letter of September 22, 1921, with the enclosed copy of a translation of a communication received from the Minister of Costa Rica requesting permission to have coined in the United States Mint at Philadelphia gold coins of Costa Rica, to an amount equivalent to ten million dollars. The Treasury has regarded this proposal as a device to secure the conversion of Soviet gold, which is not accepted by the United States mints or assay offices, into gold coin of the Republic of Costa Rica, with a view to the presentation of the Costa Rican gold coin to the United States mints or assay offices as free from the suspicion of Soviet origin. In this connection the Treasury desires to point out that the offer made to supply the Costa Rican Government with Costa Rican gold coins coined in a United States mint could only be executed with the concurrence of the Department of State, inasmuch as the Treasury executes coinage for foreign governments only upon formal request therefor through the Department of State. As I think the State Department has been previously advised, the Ludlow Syndicate, or Israel Ludlow, has submitted somewhat similar propositions to other South American and Central American Governments, with a view to the ultimate sale of gold now in the form of Russian roubles or

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Russian gold bars to the United States mints or assay offices in the form of South American or Central American gold coins.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

S. T. Gilbreath

Under Secretary.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

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September 24, 1921.

Mr. Samuel B. Frantz, Examiner,
Bureau of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to the United States Assay Office, New York on business connected with the transfer settlement of that institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary travel and subsistence expenses will be paid from the contingent appropriation, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Approved.

S. D. Gilbreath

Under Secretary.

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September 24, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval a sketch of the 50-cent piece to be issued in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Alabama to the Union, the coinage of which was authorized by the Act of May 10, 1920.

The designs have been examined and found to be in compliance with the requirements of the law.

It is understood that the weight, composition and dimensions of the coin shall be the same as the current half dollar.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved: Sept 26. 1921

Secretary.

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September 26, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 23rd referring to plan outlined in Department Circular 24, I hereby designate Mr. T. J. Quirk to act as Assistant to the Director of Purchases on the Federal Purchasing Board.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 26, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of September 23rd relative to expenditures for acetylene plants, you are advised that no expenditures have been made by institutions of the Mint Service for such plants.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Responding to your request of September 23rd I submit herewith list of the principal items purchased annually by the coinage mints. As it would be impracticable to estimate the quantity required for all of the institutions without time to communicate with the field offices, the list submitted is that which represents purchases made at the Philadelphia Mint for one year.

Items			Total Expended
Electricity	Graduated scale		$ 17,540.00
Crucibles, (average all sizes	$ 8.53	each, approximately)	4,758.00
Alloy Copper	$14.00		21,235.00
Asbestos Cloth	.30	lb.	1,856.00
Carpet Filling	.55	lb.	899.00
Canvas	.36	yd.	876.00
Buck skin gloves	$18.00	doz.	630.00
" " mitts	$15.00	"	4,212.00
Iron Castings	.07	lb.	3,051.00
Charcoal	.06	lb.	1,913.00
Die Steel	.26	lb.	2,730.00
Rags and waste	.16	lb.	1,581.00
Coal	9.29	ton	52,614.00
Fuel Gas	1.00	per thousand feet	
Electrodes	.16	lb.	1,400.00
Fire brick, fire clay, all sizes			2,250.00
Oil	$0.29 to $0.65	per gallon	2,500.00

Respectfully,

R. O. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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September 27, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In pursuance of the provisions of section twenty-five of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, I have the honor to present herewith a table of estimated values of pure metal contents of the standard coins of the nations of the world.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 30, 1921.

Honorable S. P. Gilbert, Jr.,
Under Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith abstract of report for the fiscal year 1921 for use in the Secretary's Annual Report to Congress.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 1, 1921.

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 25, of the Act of August 27, 1894, as amended by Section 403, Title IV, of the Act of May 27, 1921, I hereby proclaim the following estimate by the Director of the Mint of the values of pure metal contents of foreign coins to be the values of such coins in terms of the money of account of the United States, to be followed in estimating the value of all foreign merchandise exported to the United States during the quarter beginning October 1, 1921, expressed in any such metallic currencies; provided, however, that if no such value has been proclaimed, or if the value so proclaimed varies by five per centum or more from a value measured by the buying rate in the New York market at noon on the day of exportation, conversion shall be made at a value measured by such buying rate, as determined by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and published by me as certified by said Bank pursuant to the provisions of said Section 25 as amended.

Secretary.

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October 1, 1921.

Memorandum for the Under Secretary:

DOMESTIC GOLD PRODUCTION.

	Ounces	Value
1913.....	4,899,784.....	$88,884,400
1920.....	2,469,475.....	51,043,526

The production of precious metals is estimated by calendar years. No figures are available covering fiscal year production.

Respectfully,

W. P. Rolls

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September 30, 1921.

Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of September 26th, you are authorized to accept the proposal of Schoemaker & Busch to furnish your mint with the following articles for the first aid equipment.

5	dozen spools 1/4" ZO Adhesive
5	" spools 1/2" " "
10	" 2" gauze bandages
5	" 1" " "
5	" 3" " "
10	yards (2-lbs) Absorbent Lint
2	dozen Tubes Unguentine
1	lb can
5	pints Tinct Iodine in glass stoppered bottles
1/2	" Tincture Kino
1	" Tinct. Ginger
1	" Tinct. Paregoric
6	" Aromatic Spirits of Ammonia
1	" Camphor & Rose Water, equal parts
1	" Solution Soda Mint
1/2	" Sun Cholera Drops
3	" Alcohol
4	ounces Thymol Iodide
8	" Bismuth Sub Gallate
1	pound Bicarbonate Soda
5	dozen 1 yard packages plain gauze, sterilized
500	Migrain Tablets, plain
500	Aspirin Tablets (Byers)
500	Rhinitis Tablets (P.D.&.Co.)
1	pair nail Scissors
1	small surgical set, Scissors, Lances & Tweezers.

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

Approved. SEP 30 1921

Under Secretary.

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October 1, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith executed bond of Hugh T. Rippete, skilled workman, U.S. Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, in the sum of $5,000.00.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 3, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7, of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations Act, Approved March 1, 1896, that the business of this office for the month ended September 30, 1921, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 4, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letters of September 26th, September 30th and October 1st relative to sauce pans, mess pans, and pieplates held by the Navy Department, I beg to state that the Mint Service will not be able to use any of these articles.

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 4, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your Circular Letter No. 110 of September 16, 1921 I beg to state that a careful survey has been made of the telephone service in this Bureau and it is found that no unnecessary instruments are being used.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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October 5, 1921.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I beg to enclose herewith copy of letter dated September 19, 1921, from Mr. Frank Wilson, Assistant Treasurer of the Standard Oil Company, together with copy of this Department's reply of today thereto, relative to the currencies in circulation in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

Inasmuch as the administration of the Virgin Islands is under the Navy Department, Mr. Wilson's inquiry regarding a charge of 6 per cent for United States currency is being referred to you for appropriate investigation and reply. The Treasury has understood from the reports made to it through the Navy Department that the National Bank of the Danish West Indies had already resumed the redemption of its notes in gold and re-established the local currency at par. It is therefore not clear how there could now be a 6 per cent premium on United States currency in the Islands.

The Treasury will be glad to receive for its information a copy of any reply you may see fit to make in this connection, as well as a copy of such report as may be received on the facts.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Honorable Edwin Denby,
Secretary of the Navy.

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October 6, 1921.

Frank Wilson, Esq.,
Assistant Treasurer, Standard Oil Company,
26 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 19th, inquiring as to the currencies in circulation in the Virgin Islands of the United States. I take pleasure in enclosing for your information on this subject a copy of a report made last year by the Special Commissioners of the Treasury Department appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury to investigate currency and banking conditions in the islands.

The Treasury understands that both Danish and United States moneys are used in settling ordinary commercial transactions.

The Treasury is not informed of any restrictions on the export of United States currency.

You inquire whether a charge of 5% by the banks for supplying customers with United States currency is justified. In view of the fact that the administration of the Virgin Islands is under the jurisdiction of the Navy Department, I am referring your letter to the Secretary of the Navy for appropriate reply in this respect. The Treasury has recently been advised that the National Bank of the Danish West Indies, which is the only bank in the islands, except

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the St. Thomas Savings Bank, which does a strictly savings business, on July 5, 1921, reduced its buying and selling rates to Francs 5.20 and Francs 5.25, the rates which had been in existence for some years prior to October, 1919, at which time the rates were suddenly raised to Francs 6.375 and Francs 6.425.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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October 8, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to circular letter No. 114 of September 26, 1921 relative to motor vehicles, I beg to advise that the Mint Service does not utilize motor vehicles in any of its field offices.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 8, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your Circular Letter of October 6th this office has no comment or suggestion to offer for consideration in connection with the issuance of specifications or proposals by the General Supply Committee for supplies during the fiscal year 1923.

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 7, 1921.

Mr. Samuel J. Ward,
c/o United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Upon completion of your special duty at the United States Mint at Philadelphia you are authorized to return to your post at the United States Mint, San Francisco, California, by way of New York, stopping at the Assay Office in that city for conference with the Superintendent of that institution relative to certain methods employed in the metallurgical processes.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent expenses, Mint Philadelphia, 1922.

Respectfully,

M. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved: OCT 8 1921

S. D. Gilbert Jr.

Under Secretary.

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October 10, 1921.

Honorable S. P. Gilbert, Jr.,

Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith statements on Gold and Silver and the Mint Service, for use in the preparation of the Secretary's Annual Report, in accordance with request contained in your letter of October 1, 1921.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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GOLD

The net gold movement during the past year was the reverse of that for the prior year with the result that the monetary gold stock of the United States is doubtless larger now than at any other time in the history of the nation. The estimated stock of gold bullion in the Treasury and coin in the United States October 1, 1921, was $3,453,008,914 compared with $2,704,672,504 October 1, 1920, an increase of $748,336,410. The net import November 1, 1920 to September 20, 1921, was approximately 608 million dollars. With the exception of approximately 32.5 million dollars exported to Japan in November and December 1920 no considerable exports of gold have occured since November 1, 1920, while large amounts have been imported from the following countries: United Kingdom (England) approximately 224 million dollars; France 180 million; Sweden 57 million; British India 26 millions; Canada 31 million.

Monthly estimates of the United States stock of gold, from November 1, 1920 to November 1, 1921, follow:

November 1, 1920	$2,739,043,566	May 1, 1921	$ 3,089,679,782
December 1, 1920	2,761,338,519	June 1, 1921	3,175,037,198
January 1, 1921	2,784,834,427	July 1, 1921	3,223,351,644
February 1, 1921	2,853,480,649	August 1, 1921	3,288,608,408
March 1, 1921	2,916,884,770	September 1, 1921	3,377,417,980
April 1, 1921	3,001,487,915	October 1, 1921	3,453,008,914
		November 1, 1921	

The production of gold in the United States, as well as in other countries of the world, continues to fall off. This is true of the South African gold fields notwithstanding the arrangements for sale to the highest bidder of the product, after shipment to London, by which arrangements producers of that region reap the benefits incident to exchange conditions. These benefits have averaged since January 1920, according to the June 1921 report of the Rhodesian Chamber of Mines, more than £1 5s per ounce above normal, about 30%. The United States production in 1920 is estimated at $51,186,900, a reduction from the prior year's output of over $9,000,000. The industries of the United States are estimated to have consumed in 1920 new gold to the value of about $54,000,000, approximately $3,000,000 more than the domestic production.

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SILVER

Silver purchases under the terms of the Pittman Act approved April 23, 1918, have reached a total approximately 74,000,000 ounces, leaving 134,000,000 ounces yet to be acquired to replace the silver dollars melted under the terms of that Act. The coinage of this bullion is proceeding rapidly, $48,763,000 having been executed to September 30, 1921, at which date the uncoined stock of Pittman Act silver on hand was about 34,000,000 ounces.

The total number of silver dollars melted under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918 was 270,232,722, there having been used for subsidiary coinage during the past year 111,168 which had not previously been reported.

As the new silver dollars become available silver certificates are issued against them, these certificates permitting cancellation of the Federal Reserve Bank notes issued at the time silver certificates were retired in order to make dollars available for melting, also permitting retirement of the certificates of indebtedness held as security for the notes and thus saving interest on the certificates.

Silver purchases under the Act of April 23, 1918, by months, follow:

1920			
		Brought forward	29,907,361
		1921	
May	332,083	January	4,677,188
June	6,168,505	February	4,615,842
July	3,288,856	March	5,912,065
August	3,429,277	April	4,334,741
September	3,815,733	May	6,836,500
October	4,634,860	June	4,442,000
November	3,638,870	July	4,665,119
December	4,599,172	August	4,913,614
		September	3,471,436
Forward	29,907,361		73,775,866

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THE MINTS.

The three coinage mints have been operated upon an over-time basis throughout the entire year. The heavy demand for subsidiary coinage extended to the close of the calendar year 1920. The resumption of coinage of silver dollars, after a lapse of seventeen years, which took place in February, 1921, constituted the most notable event of the year. The manufacture of this denomination is wholly form the stock of bullion accumulated and still being purchased under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918. The mints are now being operated upon a 24-hour basis for the purpose of accelerating the coinage of silver dollars, to enable the Treasury to reissue silver certificates retired when the silver resulting from the melting of dollars in 1918 was sold. Silver dollar coinage to the exclusion of all other denominations is likely to be continued for an indefinite period.

During the year under review the coinage mints have been reorganized; new methods of handling bullion and new processes of coinage have been introduced which have resulted in an expansion of coinage capacity and economical and efficient administration of the general business of the mint service.

The largest amount of coin and bullion on hand at any period since the establishment of the mint service is now carried in the coinage mints and the New York Assay Office. Transfers of the respective establishments to new superintendents were effected after a careful check proved that all values on hand agreed with the amounts called for by records.

The occupancy of the new building for the Assay Office at New York was interrupted by the explosion in Wall Street in September, 1920. The restored building was opened to the public for business on March 3, 1921.

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August 10, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your Circular Letter of October 7th relative to glass vinegar bottles, butter dishes, and catsup and syrup pitchers held by the Navy Department, you are advised that these articles cannot be used at any of the mint service institutions.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

October 12, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

This Bureau is in receipt of your letter of October 10th, transmitting copy of letter dated September 30th from Colonel H. C. Smither, Chief Coordinator, General Supply, declining to grant general exemption for the class of supplies mentioned in our letter of September 19th.

The only articles suggested by this office for exemption were such machines as are peculiar to mint processes.

The following contracts have been entered into by the individual institutions indicated below for the articles of supplies mentioned. These are not in the general exemption list forwarded to the Bureau with your letter of October 10th, and this Bureau requests instructions in regard to the same.

Philadelphia Mint	Castings, first grade, brass Castings, first grade, iron Coal
New York Assay Office	Lead foil Cadium rods; borax; Sodium Nitrate; Amonium Chloride; Iron Suplhate in barrels; Bone Ash 30-6- mesh; Bone Ash 80-100 mesh; Zinc; Amonia water; Sulphuric Acid; Muriatic Acid; Nitric Acid, 400 Baume; Nitric Acid, C.P. 42°; Nitric Acid, C.P. 42° 7 lb. bottles. Asbestos cloth; Sulphuric Acit; Muriatic Acid, commercial; Charcoal, powdered, granular and lump.
San Francisco Mint	Electric power; Iron castings, including moulds, and cored iron used in mint processes.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 15, 1921.

The Chief of the
Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I have to request an advance of $1,000 from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Independent Treasury, 1922" to Robert J. Grant, Superintendent U.S.Mint, Denver, under his bond approved June 20, 1921. Amount of bond, $100,000.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 17, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith estimate of deficiency appropriation needed to meet the requirements of the current fiscal year at the New York Assay Office under the head "Wages of Workmen, Assay Office at New York, 1922", in amount $25,000.

When estimates were being made in 1920 to meet the needs of the fiscal year 1922 it was not known that certain functions of the New York Sub-treasury would be transferred to the Assay Office upon the closing of the Sub-treasury; neither could the long continued influx of foreign gold have been anticipated. Before the closing of the Sub-treasury practically no cash was handled by the Assay Office, all payments being made by check or in bars, the checks frequently being cashed by the Sub-treasury. A teller familiar with paper currency and other forms of cash was taken over from the Sub-treasury by the Assay Office to handle cash payments and receipts, the daily totals usually running into the millions of dollars. The Superintendent of the Assay Office was made custodian of the Sub-treasury building, requiring a force of several watchmen and other employees. Although the Sub-treasury building is used principally by the Federal Reserve Bank, one of the vaults contains 59,000,000 silver dollars belonging to the accounts of the Assay Office.

The number of deposits received at the New York Assay Office during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1921, was 25% greater than during the prior year and much larger than for any other year in its history; the weight of the gold acquired was approximately 300% greater than for the prior year and the value was approximately 300% greater, the comparison being between $143,176,521 and $562,787,150.

Receipt of the large volume of foreign gold is continuing into the current fiscal year, necessitating continuation of the extra force of employees; these, with the former Sub-treasury employees, account for the anticipated need for additional funds.

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In conformity with the Anti Deficiency Act, waiver of the apportionment, as applied to this particular appropriation, was granted by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of August 22, 1921. No waste in expenditure has occurred, but on the contrary the appropriation has been very frugally administered.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 18, 1921.

Memorandum for Assistant Secretary Clifford:

Referring to letter of Mr. J. A. Cunningham of Virginia, Illinois, proposing that some change be made in the five cent nickel piece, I beg to state that no change could be made in the dimensions or alloy of the coin without a special act of Congress. Should legislation looking to any change in the nickel piece be presented to Congress the letter of Mr. Cunningham will be referred to with much pleasure. Mr. Cunningham's interest in the subject is very much appreciated by the Department.,

Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1921.

Memorandum for Mr. Croxton, Assistatnt to the Under Secretary:

No regulations have been issued since the last Secretary's Report which should be incorporated in this year's report.

Director of the Mint.

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October 19, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY:

Referring to the attached correspondence from the State Department I have the honor to state that the Bureau of the Mint has no occasion or opportunity to use the statistics relative to the movements of bullion in the United Kingdom forwarded weekly by the American Consul General at London.

Director of the Mint.

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October 21, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

The following supplies, not included in the list of articles exempt, are used by the United States Mint establishments:

Cadmium rods
Borax, crystal refined
Sodium nitrate
Amonium chloride, 99% in barrels
Amonium chloride, C.P.
Iron sulphate, commercial, in barrels
Bone ash 3-60 mesh, 80-100 mesh
Muriatic acid, commercial
Zinc, in slabs
Amonia water
Sulphuric acid, 66 Baum, in 9 lb. bottles
Muriatic Acid
Nitric Acid, 400 Baum; 42° in carboys;
42° in 7 lb. bottles
Sulphuric Acid, 66° Baume, Commercial
Charcoal, powdered, granular, lump

These articles are used at all of the United States Mints and Assay Offices. They are covered by contract for the United States Assay Office at New York.

In addition to these articles, which have not been exempt, the mint establishments purchase:

Nickel screened shot, 99.9 pure } Used for coinage only
Tin
Zinc

The Mints and Assay Offices also use:

Brass castings
Buckskin gloves
Die steel
Charcoal
Firebrick and fireclay for furnaces
Machine steel

Innumerable small articles peculiar to the processes of minting and to the handling of precious metals are also used, and it is requested that such articles be included in the list of those exempt from being cleared through the General Supply Committee.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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October 21, 1921.

Dear Senator McLean:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 20, enclosing a copy of H.R. 8119 for the coinage of a Grant souvenir gold dollar in commemoration of the centenary of the birth of General Ulysses S. Grant, late President of the United States.

Should favorable legislation be enacted I will take pleasure in instructing the Director of the Mint to cooperate with the U. S. Grant Memorial Centenary Association of Ohio in the preparation of designs and dies for the coin.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Honorable George P. McLean, Chairman,
Committee on Banking and Currency,
United States Senate.

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October 26, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith statement of appropriations for salaries, pay, or compensation of employees, from which deductions are to be made for transfer to "the Civil Service retirement and disability fund," for the fiscal year 1922.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of the Mint,
October 25, 1921.

Statement of appropriations for salaries, pay, or compensation of employees, from which deductions are to be made for transfer to "the Civil Service retirement and disability fund."

	Amounts accruing for 1922 to employees affected by retirement act.	2½ per cent thereof to be transferred to the retirement fund.
Salaries, Office of the Director of the Mint	17,280.00	432.00
Salaries, Mint at Philadelphia	53,500.00	1,337.50
Wages, Mint at Philadelphia	300,000.00	7,500.00
Salaries, Mint at San Francisco	39,500.00	987.50
Wages, Mint at San Francisco	155,000.00	3,875.00
Salaries, Mint at Denver	36,100.00	902.50
Wages, Mint at Denver	100,000.00	2,500.00
Salaries, Mint at New Orleans	1,750.00	43.75
Wages, Mint at New Orleans	3,232.52	80.81
Salaries, Mint at Carson City	---	---
Wages, Mint at Carson City	1,500.00	37.50
Salaries, Assay Office at New York	42,000.00	1,050.00
Wages, Assay Office at New York	145,200.00	3,630.00
Special Fund - charges on silver dollar bullion sold -	3,000.00	75.00

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	Amounts accruing for 1922 to employees affected by retirement.	2½ per cent thereof to be transferred to the retirement fund.
Salaries, Assay Office at Boise	$ 1,400.00	$ 35.00
Wages, Assay Office at Boise	915.00	22.88
Salaries, Assay Office at Deadwood	2,200.00	55.00
Wages, Assay Office at Deadwood	------	----
Salaries, Assay Office at Helena	1,432.83	35.82
Wages, Assay Office at Helena	1,124.79	28.12
Salaries, Assay Office at Salt Lake City	------	----
Wages, Assay Office at Salt Lake City	125.00	3.14
Salaries, Assay Office at Seattle	5,495.55	137.38
Wages, Assay Office at Seattle	9,357.60	233.94
Total Appropriations	940,113.49	
Total deductions certified to be transferred		$ 23,502.84

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of Mint.

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October 27, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

None of the branches of the Mint Service will be able to use 6" Circular Transits in exchange for transits of heavier make. This in reply to your letter of October 21st.

Respectfully,

N. M. Rueb

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 28, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding statement of travel performed by the officials and employees of the Department, chargeable to the appropriations of this office, required by Section 4 of the Act of May 22, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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STATEMENT OF TRAVEL PERFORMED BY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1921, ON BUSINESS PERTAINING TO THE BUREAU OF THE MINT.

Name.	Date.	Destination.	Amount.
A. T. Baker, Director of the Mint	Aug. 6, 1920.	Philadelphia	$ 40.26
Do.	Aug. 11-22,1920	New York	72.44
Do.	Aug. 25-30,1920	Philadelphia	8.59
Do.	Sept. 1-7,1920	New York	11.89
Do.	Sept.14-22,1920	New York	20.03
Do.	Oct. 6 , 1920	New York	6.14
Do.	Oct.11 ,-Nov.13, 1920	San Francisco	315.66
Do.	Nov. 15,1920	New York	6.14
Do.	Dec. 20-26,1920	New York	23.76
Do.	Jan. 3-Feb.6,1921	San Francisco	290.50
Do.	Feb. 9 , 1921	Philadelphia	4.90
Do.	Feb. 25-27, 1921	Philadelphia	42.16
E. M. O'Reilly, Computer & Adjuster of Accounts	Jan. 19, 1921	Philadelphia	19.12
Do.	Mar. 23-24, 1921	New York	31.72
Do.	Apr. 27-May 4,1921	New Orleans	126.42
S. B. Prantz, Examiner, Mint Bureau	Oct.7-10, 1920	New York	32.74
Do.	Dec.4- 7,1920	New York	29.69
Do.	Mar.5- Apr.24,1921	San Francisco	445.28
F. P. Dewey, Assayer, Mint Bureau	Sept.21-24,1920	New York	34.09
Do.	Oct. 20,1920	New York	1.88
T. J. Quirk, Assayer, Mint Bureau	May 21.-24,1921	Philadelphia	12.15
Do.	June 1, 1921.	Philadelphia	103.16
C. L. Schwarz,- Clerk, Mint Bureau	Oct. 22-25, 1920	New York	29.74
Do.	Nov. 24-30, 1920	New York	37.94
Do.	June 4, 1921	New York	110.27
E. S. Fakes, Clerk, Mint Bureau	Sept. 1,1920	Philadelphia	13.81
W. K. Shelland, Clerk, Mint Bureau	June 6, 1921	Philadelphia	104.90
W. J. Casey, Private Secretary to Director of the Mint	June 25-30,1921	Philadelphia	32.61
	Total		$ 2,014.33

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October 29, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

In accordance with instructions contained in Department Circular 260, September 29, 1921, the following is submitted in regard to the action taken by this Bureau in carrying out the pdicy of the Department in having the monthly reports of expenditures from all disbursing officers and reports as to economies effected.

All officers in charge of the mints and assay offices have been carefully informed as to honoring requisitions for essential supplies only. They have also been instructed to forward monthly reports of expenses, which will be consolidated in this Bureau and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Economies to be effected in the mint service during the fiscal year 1922 will amount to $212,950.00. This amount represents an aggregate of sums to be reserved from current year appropriations for salaries, wages, and contingent expenses.

The attention of all disbursing officers has been directed to effect further economies wherever and whenever it becomes at all possible to do so, this policy to be adhered to rigidly throughout the progress of the year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7, of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations Act. Approved March 1, 1896, that the business of this office for the month ended October 31, 1921, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith application of Mrs. Helen E. Ryan for retirement under section 5 of the Act of May 22, 1920, on account of total disability, effective October 30, 1921, with the recommendation that favorable action be taken upon this request for the reason that I consider Mrs. Ryan totally unable to perform her duties as clerk in this Bureau. Her record of service extends over a period of 33 years and has been satisfactory throughout. Mrs. Ryan will not reach the retirement age until August 22, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request your approval of the extension of leave on account of sickness of Mrs. Helen E. Ryan for a period of 13 days ended October 29, 1921. The following is a record of absence of Mrs. Ryan for the past four years:

	Annual Leave	Sick Leave
1917	11	10
1918	14	10
1919	25	6
1920	16	7

The maximum allowance of thirty days sick leave during the current fiscal year is requested for Mrs. Ryan for the reason that she has been in the service for 33 years, and is about to make application for retirement under the disability clause of the Retirement Act. Her record of service has been good, and I believe her to be deserving of this extension of leave on account of sickness.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 1, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Departant.

Sir:

The following suplies not included in the general list of articles exempt from clearance through the General Supply Committee are used by the United States Mint establishments, and I have to request that the Chief Coordinator, Genral Supply, be requested to cover these articles by exemption for the Mnt Service.

Graphite Goods

Metals for Coinage, including Copper, nickel, tin, zinc.

Asbestos Cloth, Carpet Filling, Canvas, used in the sewing room of the mint in making furnace mitts

Buckskin Golves ad Mitts, heavily lined; used at furnaces.

Charcoal, powdered, granular, and lump.

Special Steel

Machine Steel

Brass and Iron Castings

Lead Foil

Parts, for repairs to special mint machinery.

Laboratory supplies and appliances, for mints and assay offices, including the following:

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Cadmium rods
Borax, crystal refined
Sodium nitrate
Ammonium chloric, 99% in barrels
Ammonium chloric, C.P.
Iron sulphate, commercial, in barrels
Bone ash 30-60 msh, 80-100 mesh
Muriatic acid, commercial

Zinc in slabs
Ammonia water
Sulphuric acid,
Muriatic acid
Nitric acid, 400 Baum
Sulphuric acid

Fire Brick and Fire Clay — For electric and gas furnaces

Electrodes — For electric melting furnaces

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 2, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with Circular 125 I am enclosing herewith itemized report of orders received by the New York Assay Office through the General Supply Committee.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

In accordance with Circular 125 I am enclosing herewith report of orders placed in the open market by the United States Mint, Carson City, Nevada.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 24th I have the honor to forward herewith a statement of income returns for the calendar year 1920 from each member of this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247 I have to report that no employee of this office has been tardy ten times during the year to September 30, 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247 I have to report that no employee of this office has been tardy ten times during the year to October 31, 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 2, 1921.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,

New York, N.Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 1st you are hereby authorized to purchase the following articles for First Aid use in your institution:

Arnica	1 lb.	liquid
Unguentine	2 "	
Iodine, sublimated	8 oz.	
Boric acid	1 lb.	
Lead & Opium Wash	2 lbs.	liquid
Aromatic Ammonia	2 lbs.	
Bandages, 3 in. x 10 yards	2 doz.	
" 2 " x 10 "	4 doz.	
" 1½ " x 10 "	2 doz.	
Adhesive Tape, ½ in. x 5 yds.	4 doz.	
" " 1 " x 5 yds.	2 doz.	
Pure Vaseline	2 lbs.	
Absorbent Cotton	2 lbs.	

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. NOV 3 1921

S. D. Gilbert

Under Secretary.

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November 4, 1921.

Mr. Max Morgenstein,
375 Edgecombe Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to purchases of silver made by the Department, you are advised that purchases by the Director of the Mint under the provisions of the Pittman Act are made in accordance with the enclosed regulations, which it gives me pleasure to transmit to you for your information. I am also enclosing a copy of the Act of April 23, 1918.

Respectfully,

Under Secretary.

2 enclosures.

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November 5, 1921.

Chief, Division of Appointments,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Herewith I am forwarding reports as to the number of unclassified employees in the field institutions of this Bureau, as required by your letter of September 30th.

Respectfully,

N. M. Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 7, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of November 2, 1921, the following is a list of members of this Bureau, together with the numbers of the rooms which they occupy:

Hon. Raymond T. Baker		174
Mary M. O'Reilly		174
Walter J. Casey		174
William J. Reeder		174
Samuel B. Prantz		166
Arthur C. Probey		166
Osias L. Schwarz		168
Addison T. Hassan		168
W. K. Shelland		168
Eugene L. Russell		168
Timothy J. Quirk,	Laboratory	415
Edward Swedenborg,	"	415
John T. Bryant,	"	415

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 5, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Referring to your circular letter of November 3rd relative to the copies of the Decisions of the Comptroller General of the United States, I beg to state that this office desires to receive quarterly and annual editions of the reports.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 9, 1921.

Mr. Harvey B. Tyson, Foreman of Rolling Room,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Weirton, West Virginia, for the purpose of inspecting the Weirton Steel Works in connection with certain processes employed at that factory.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid form the appropriation, Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. NOV 9 1921

Under Secretary.

November 9, 1921.

Mr. William R. Siner, Foreman of Machinists,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Weirton, West Virginia, for the purpose of inspecting the Weirton Steel Works in connection with certain processes employed at that factory.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. NOV 9 1921

Under Secretary.

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November 10, 1921.

Honorable S. P. Gilbert, Jr.,
Under Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith letter received by this office from the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, together with an affidavit executed by the Comptroller of the Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Company, relative to the accidental mutilation of minor coins which were dropped into ticket canceling boxes used by the railroad prior to March 1, 1918.

Circular 22 of March 26, 1915 provides:

"MUTILATED MINOR COINS (the 5-cent nickel and 1-cent bronze pieces) will be purchased at the mints in Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Denver in lots of not less than 1 pound of each kind, at a price fixed from time to time by the Director of the Mint.

Minor coins which can be clearly and readily identified as genuine coins of the United States and which are not appreciably reduced in weight except by natural abrasion will be redeemed or exchanged at the Treasury or at any subtreasury when presented in the sum of 20 dollars or multiples thereof."

As these coins are mutilated they cannot be received by the Mint at Philadelphia without a waiver of the regulations above quoted. I have the honor to recommend that authority be granted in this case to receive the coins described in the affidavit and make payment for the same at face value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

2 enclosures.

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November 10, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

It is requested that the Chief Coordinator, General Supply, be asked to exempt from clearance through the General Supply Committee bronze metal for medals. This metal is a special alloy made by the Scovill Manufacturing Company of Waterbury, Connecticut, and sold to the Mint at Philadelphia for the manufacture of medals and badges.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

November 10, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of November 5th transmitting a copy of a summary of Headings contained in the specifications and proposals for supplies issued for the fiscal year 1922, to be considered in connection with specifications and proposals for supplies for the fiscal year 1923, I beg to state that this Bureau has no suggestions to make as to changes or additions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 14, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith G.S.C. from 10 received from the United States Assay Office, Boise, Idaho, for transmission to the General Supply Committee.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 16, 1921.

Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants,
Treasury Department.

Gentlemen:

Following is report of the average number of employees in field offices of the mint service receiving increase of compensation at $240. per annum and average number by grades receiving the same at each other rate, rendered in accordance with section 6 of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1921:

Average number of employees (all grades) receiving increase of compensation at the rate of $240 per annum	1,009
Average number of employees by grades receiving increase of compensation at each other rate--	
$8 per diem, increase $236 per annum	3
$350 per annum, increase $210. per annum	1
Amount of increase of compensation for 4 months ending October 31, 1921, additional to salaries, etc., paid from appropriations for the mint field service	$73,049.22

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 18, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Replying to circular letter of November 2nd requesting the opinion of this office as to the policy which should be adopted in regard to the matter of appointments in the Officers' Reserve Corps, which information is desired by the Secretary of War, I am of the opinion that requests for appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps should be referred to this Department before approval.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 18, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith Report of Separation and Application for Annuity of John W. Pack, Humid Assayer, United States Mint, San Francisco. The application is being forwarded with request that favorable action be taken on Mr. Pack's request for retirement and annuity.

Previous to Mr. Pack's appointment as Assayer in the United States Mint at San Francisco he was in a Civil Service status as Assistant Assayer. On July 13th last upon his relinquishment of his present position he was restored by the Secretary of the Treasury to a Civil Service status as Humid Assayer. Mr. Pack was carried from July 13th to November 4th on the rolls of the San Francisco Mint without pay. On November 4th he took the oath of office and was immediately retired in accordance with the requirements of the law, Mr. Pack having reached the age of 72 years.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 19, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith G.S.C. forms No. 10 from the United States Assay Office, Seattle, Washington, for transmission to the General Supply Committee.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 11, 1921.

Honorable Boies Penrose,
United States Senate.

Dear Senator Penrose:

I have your letter of November 15 recommending the appointment of Dr. Walter T. Taggart, Professor of Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission, which meets in February.

The Commission is named by the President during January, and I have taken great pleasure in placing Dr. Taggart's name on the list to be submitted to the President.

Very truly yours,

H. O. Mellon

Secretary.

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November 22, 1921.

Dear Mr. Harper:

I am returning herewith the letter addressed to you by the Hon. Joseph S. Frelinghuysen in the interest of Miss Roba O. Whitton who desires to be appointed to some position in the Philadelphia Mint. All the positions in the Philadelphia mint are filled from the eligible register of the United States Civil Service Commission and there are no vacancies in that institution at the present time.

As the force at the Philadelphia mint is to be materially reduced I cannot say that there is a prospect of being able to place Miss Whitton in any capacity.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. J. E. Harper,
Chief, Division of Appointments,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

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November 23, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the copy of questionaire prepared by Mr. R. K. Helphenstine, Jr., chairman of a sub-committee designated by the Chief Coordinator for General Supply for the purpose of investigating the purchase of lumber for the Federal Government, as not being applicable to the Mint Service for the reason that purchases of lumber are not made to any extent at any of our institutions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 25, 1921.

Dear Congressman Focht:

I have your letter of November 23 requesting that the name of Dr. Walter T. Taggart be placed upon the list of names to be submitted for appointment on the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the Philadelphia Mint in February.

I have taken pleasure in placing Dr. Taggart's name on the list to be submitted to the President some time in January.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

Hon. Benjamin K. Focht,
House of Representatives.

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November 26, 1921.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 23rd transmitting a questionaire relative to the purchase of paints and their ingredients, I have to state that purchases of paint by the mints are made in small amounts and at remote intervals during the year. No contracts are entered into.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 26, 1931.

Honorable William D. Vare,
House of Representatives.

Dear Congressman Vare:

I have your letter of November 25 recommending the appointment of Dr. Walter F. Taggart, professor of Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania, as a member of the Annual Assay Commission which meets at the United States Mint, Philadelphia on the second Wednesday in February.

I have taken pleasure in placing Dr. Taggart's name on the list to be submitted to the President some time in January.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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November 28, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that William T. Reeder, Assistant Messenger in this office, be promoted to the position of Messenger at $840.00 per annum, effective December 1, 1921. The position of Messenger is to be vacated by the promotion of Mr. Eugene L. Russell from the position of messenger to Minor Clerk.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 29, 1921.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

In compliance with your circular letter of October 20, 1921, I have the honor to forward herewith a report from each of the field institutions of the Mint Service submitting the names of such classified employees as come within the provisions of the Act approved May 22, 1920, between January 1, 1922 and June 30, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

11 encs.

December 1, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in accordance with Section 7 of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Appropriations Act, Approved March 1, 1836, that the business of this office for the month ended November 30, 1921, is not in arrears.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

December 1, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Complying with the provisions of Department Circular No. 247 I have to report that no employee of this Bureau has been tardy ten times during the year to November 30, 1921.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 30, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 26th enclosing a copy of a note from the Chinese Minister in which he states that in connection with a contract for the construction of a mint at Shanghai, the American Trading Company of New York City find it necessary to obtain certain technical information with respect to machinery used in the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

I have taken pleasure in causing the Director of the Mint to forward to the American Trading Company, 25 Broad St., New York City, a letter of introduction to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. The Superintendent has been requested to make available to the representative of the American Trading Company the information sought in regard to the machinery used in the Mint at Philadelphia. A copy of the letter forwarded to the American Trading Company is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

Enclosure 1.

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December 3, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department,

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 30th relative to the proposed change in the heading of Class 15, Incandescent Electric lamps, General Schedule of Supplies, for the fiscal year 1923, I beg to state that the field offices of the Mint Service purchase all electric bulbs under the General Supply Schedule. The change is, of course, entirely satisfactory to this office.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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December 3, 1921.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to Circular letter of December 1, I beg to state that the present method of handling telegrams and special delivery letter received at the Department for this Bureau after the regular office hours is entirely satisfactory to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

F. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR

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December 5, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith Bureau of Efficiency Form No. 34, JOB DESCRIPTION SCHEDULE, executed for each permanent employee in the field institutions of the United States Mint Service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1921.

Mr. F. H. Chaffin, Chief Clerk,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington, D.C. for the purpose of attending a conference in regard to matters pertaining to the Philadelphia Mint.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Approved.

Under Secretary.

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December 5, 1921.

Hon. Freas Styer, Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington, D.C. for the purpose of attending a conference in regard to matters pertaining to the Philadelphia Mint.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the Contingent Appropriation, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922.

Respectfully,

A. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Approved.

S. D. Gilbert

Under Secretary.

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December 8, 1921.

Chief, Division of Appointments,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 29th I am enclosing herewith statement showing the classification of Departmental employees of this Bureau by groups, grades and symbols, with the number of employees and total salary now paid in each group, and the increase in salary which would result from the passage of the bill.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

						Increase
Asst. Sec.	P. Q. 1	1	5,000		7,500	$2,500
Accountant	P. A. 4	1	3,000		4,140	1,140
Translator	P. F. 2	1	2,440	2340 + 720	3,060	620 *
Stenographer	C. S. 2	1	1,640		1,740	100
Clerk	C. C. 4	1	2,040		2,100	120
"	C. C. 4	1	2,040		2,100	120
	C. C. 4	1	1,840		1,980	140
	C. C. 3	1	1,440		1,620	180
Messenger	C. C. 3	1	1,080		1,200	120
	C. M. 2	1	960		1,080	120
Physical Chemist	P. Z. 3	1	2,440		3,120	680
	P. Z. 2	1	1,440		1,800	360
Laborer	T. R. 1	1	960		1,260	300
						$,

For translator. $2340 for three languages
$120 each additional $720
(See page 141, line 11, H.R. 16225)

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December 8, 1921.

Memorandum for Mr. Shoeneman:

Gold and silver bullion shipped by parcel post, fiscal year 1921 ..... $ 4,459,946

Insurance paid thereon 662.15

No other insurance paid by Mint Service.

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Director of the Mint.

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December 9, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 8th transmitting copy of letter dated November 26th from Lieutenant Commander Reinburg, Coast Guard, chairman of the special committee designated by the Chief Coordinator to collect information relative to the purchase of cordage and hemp, I have to state that the Mint Service does not purchase either of the two articles.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 9, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

The letter of the Commissioner of the Bureau of Pensions is returned herewith with statement attached in regard to amount of deduction made from the pay of Michael Toepfer, skilled laborer, United States Mint, New Orleans, La., together with statement of wages received by him during the last year of his service.

Mr. Toepfer was retained in the service beyond the age limit without authority from the Department under misapprehension of the law on the part of the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans. The Assayer in Charge understood that Mr. Toepfer was eligible for retention until his 70th year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 10, 1921.

Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your Circular Letter No. 124 of November 25th relative to the establishment of an Interdepartmental Board of Contracts and Adjustments, the following is submitted:

This Bureau authorizes the Superintendents of the coinage mints and the New York Assay Office to enter into contracts for supplies required throughout the year which may be purchased to advantage in this manner. Contracts for the following supplies have been entered into by the institutions named for the fiscal year 1922:

United States Mint, Philadelphia

Castings (Iron and Brass)
Coal
Oils

United States Mint, Denver

Castings (Iron)
Oils

United States Mint, San Francisco

Iron Castings

United States Assay Office, New York

Lead Foil
Chemicals and Acids
Charcoal
Oils

The practice in vogue is to have the Superintendents forward to this office a synopsis of bids received with recommendation of awards, and upon the approval of this office and the Secretary of the Treasury the contracts are entered into by the respective heads of the institutions named.

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I am enclosing herewith copy of formal contract recently approved by the solicitor of the Treasury which it was proposed to use in future in the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

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Director of the Mint.

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December 12, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your Circular letter of December 8th relative to the use of gasoline, I have to report that gasoline is not used in the operations of the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 12, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the letter of the Commissioner of the Bureau of Pensions, Department of the Interior, relative to the retirement of John W. Pack. The Commissioner desires to be advised why Mr. Pack was retained in the service subsequent to August 20, 1920 to November 4, 1921. Replying I beg to advise you that Mr. Pack was at that time occupying a Presidential position and was therefore not subject to the requirements of the Retirement Act. No deductions were made from Mr. Pack's salary during the period named.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Depa rtment.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a reply to your letters of November 23rd and 25th relative to the purchase of packing by the Federal Government, the information contained in the letter of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia being representative of the condition in the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1921.

Mr. James E. Fraser,
3 McDougall Alley,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Your are requested to come to Washington for a conference with the Director of the Mint on Thursday, December 15th, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring with him in regard to the design for the one dollar silver coin.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses Mint at Philadelphia, 1922."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. DEC 17 1921

Under Secretary.

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December 15, 1921.

Mr. Anthony de Franchesi,
c/o Mr. James E. Fraser,
3 McDougall Alley,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

You are requested to come to Washington for a conference with the Director of the Mint on Thursday, December 15th, at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring with him in regard to the design for the one dollar silver coin.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses Mint at Philadelphia, 1922."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. DEC 17 1921

Under Secretary.

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December 17, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,

Division of Appointments.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the necessary steps be taken to bring about the transfer of Mr. Carl Enge, now employed at the Quartermaster's Supply Office, (W.G.I.D.) War Department, Washington, D.C., at $1,200 per annum, to clerk class one now vacant in this Bureau, the vacancy having been brought about by the retirement of Mrs. Helen E. Ryan.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 17, 1921.

Mr. Anthony de Francheshi,
c/o Mr. James E. Fraser,
3 McDougall Alley,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

You are requested to come to Washington for a conference with the Director of the Mint on Monday, December 19th, in connection with the submission of altered models for the one dollar silver coin.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses Mint at Philadelphia, 1922."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. DEC 19 1921.

Under Secretary.

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December 17, 1921.

Mr. James E. Fraser,
3 McDougall Alley,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

You are requested to come to Washington for a conference with the Director of the Mint on Monday, December 19th, in connection with the submission of altered models for the one dollar silver coin.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation "Contingent Expenses Mint at Philadelphia, 1922."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. DEC 19 1921

Under Secretary.

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December 19, 1921.

Chief Clerk,

Treasury Department.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith, for transmission to the General Supply Committee, open market purchase reports and General Supply Committee contract purchase reports from the following institutions of the Mint Service:

United States Mint, San Francisco
" " Mint, Denver
" " Assay Office, New York
" " " " Seattle
" " " " Deadwood
" " " " Helena
" " " " Salt Lake City.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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December 19, 1921.

Mr. George T. Morgan, Engraver,
United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to proceed to Washington for the purpose of conferring with the Director of the Mint relative to the Presidential medal.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation, Contingent Expenses, Mint at Philadelphia, 1922.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. DEC 20 1921

Under Secretary.

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December 17, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of State.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 9th enclosing a note from the Colombian Legation at this capital requesting the coinage at the Philadelphia Mint of three million silver coins of the value of fifty cents each, in accordance with contract said to have been made by the Junta de Conversion of Colombia and the Equitable Trust Company of New York. Replying, I take pleasure in stating that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia will be instructed to proceed with the manufacture of this coinage immediately under the following conditions:

The mint can undertake this coinage immediately at a charge of $7.20 per 1000 pieces. This price includes the working dies. The master dies and the hubs are now at the mint in Philadelphia.

This coinage will require 1,085,052.50 fine ounces of silver which must be furnished by the Government of Colombia. It is understood these coins are of .900 fine, weigh 192.90 grains and contain 173.61 grains of fine silver each.

If it is desired, as in previous shipments of coins of this denomination, executed for the Government of Colombia, that they be

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packed for shipment in cases containing 4000 pieces each, 750 cases will be required, which may be furnished by the Mint at $1.15 each.

It is understood that the Equitable Trust Company of New York is the agent to receive and make payment for this coin at the mint.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

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December 21, 1921.

The Chief Clerk,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

Replying to your Circular letter of the 19th instant, there is enclosed a copy of the form used by the Mint Service in taking the yearly inventory of Government property in the Mint establishments.

No formal instructions or regulations are issued other than those requiring that the inventory shall be taken each year and forwarded to this Bureau. The headings on the form enclosed are self-explanatory.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1921.

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Division of Appointments.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant relative to the Lion Bonding & Surety Company, I have the honor to state that none of the employees of the Mint Service are bonded under this Company, and no claims against the Company are pending or before this Bureau.

All employees formerly bonded with this Company were required to give new bonds.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your approval models of the proposed design for the Standard Silver Dollar. The law authorizes a change in the design of coins not oftener than once in twenty five years. No change has been made in the design of the silver dollar since 1878.

The models were submitted to the Fine Arts Commission for advice as to the merits of the designs in accordance with Executive Order issued July 28, 1921. The models selected have the approval of the Fine Arts Commission.

The models have been examined and found to be in compliance with the requirements of the law.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved. DEC 20 1921

Secretary.

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December 23, 1921.

Memorandum for the Under Secretary.

The accepted model for the reverse of the Standard Dollar bears at the base of the Eagle a device representing a broken sword. As a result of a published description of the model numerous protests against the use of this device are being received.

Mr. Fraser, the sculptor member of the Fine Arts Commission, has suggested in a telegram received this morning that the broken sword be removed from the model.

Mr. Charles Moore, the Chairman of the Fine Arts Commission, has also suggested that the broken sword be not used as a part of the design.

The dies have not yet been made at the Mint, and I have the honor to request instructions in regard to proceeding with the preparation of the same.

Respectfully,

B. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 23, 1921.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit models of the proposed designs for the Standard Silver Dollar.

A slight alteration of the design for the reverse, as originally submitted, has been made in order to eliminate the broken sword, and the modified design is submitted for your approval.

The model as now submitted has the approval of the Fine Arts Commission, and is in compliance with the requirements of the law.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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December 27, 1921.

Miss M. M. O'Reilly,
Executive Clerk,
Office of Director of the Mint.

Madam:

You are authorized to proceed to the United States Mint, Philadelphia, on business connected with the coinage of the silver dollars of new designs.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Office of the Director of the Mint, 1922".

Respectfully,

Under Secretary.

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January 14, 921.

The Treasurer,
of the United States,
(Via Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)

Sir:

Herewith I am returning Certificate of Depoit #457 issued by the Salt Lake City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco on December 16, 1920, in favor of Hugh T. Rippeto, Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, in the sum of $2.80.

The amount of this certificate of deposit should be placed to the credit of Mr. Rippeto's Special Deposit Account instead of being cerdited to Miscellaneous Receipts. It is requested that the accounts be adjusted accordingly.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 27, 1921.

The Treasurer
Of the United States.

Sir:

It is requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of the Mint at San Francisco in the sum of $1,033.59, the value of proof gold to be forwarded from the Mint at Philadelphia to the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

R. M. Robbins,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

January 28, 1921.

The Treasurer
Of the United States.

Sir:

It is requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of the U.S. Assay Office at New York of the sum of $1,033.59, payable in 50 ounces of proof gold, to be forwarded from the Mint at Philadelphia to the Assay Office in New York.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLY QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1921.

The Treasurer
of the United States.

Sir:

The Minor Coinage Metal Fund is now apportioned in the following amounts:-

Mint	San Francisco	$50,000
"	Denver	70,000
"	Philadelphia	280,000.

I have to request that this fund be reapportioned as follows:-

San Francisco	$70,000
Denver	70,000
Philadelphia	260,000.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint

OR

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

March 3, 1921.

The Treasurer,
of the United States.

Sir:

It is requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the United States Assay Office at New York to the United States Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of $103,257.01, payable in 103,058.41 ounces of coin silver, to be forwarded from the Assay Office at New York to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

March 28, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

It is requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to the Assay Office at Seattle of $206.72, the value of 10 ounces of proof gold, to be forwarded from the Mint at Philadelphia to the Assay Office at Seattle.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

April 5, 1921.

The Honorable,

The Treasurer of the United States.

Sir:

It is requested that transfer be made from the bullion fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to that of the Assay Office at New York for the sum of $1,139.44, payable in 50 ounces of proof gold valued at $1,033.59 and 100 ounces of proof silver valued at $105.85, to be forwarded from the Mint at Philadelphia to the Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

April 23, 1921.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PEOPLES

- SILVER PURCHASES

Philadelphia.

On hand, February 28, 1921.....	29,603,677	ounces
Purchased Mar. 1 to April 20, 1921	7,722,853	"

Denver

On hand, February 28, 1921	684,408	"
Purchased Mar. 1 to April 21, 1921	1,752,741	"

San Francisco

On hand, February 28, 1921	6,169,642	"
Purchased Mar. 1 to April 21, 1921	1,300,000	"

New York

On hand, February 28, 1921	104,685	"
Purchased Mar. 1 to April 21, 1921	--- ---	
Total	47,338,006	"

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

May 3, 1921.

Treasurer, United States,

(Room 150)

Sir:

I have to advise that, per telegraphic communication dated April 30th, the total coinage to that date of silver dollars under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, at the San Francisco Mint, was $510,000.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1921.

Treasurer, United States,

(Room 150)

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the U.S. Mints at San Francisco and Denver, as follows:

	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Per prior reports	$510,000.00	------	$510,000.00
Since last report	180,000.00	------	180,000.00
	$690,000.00		$690,000.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 9, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

It is requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to the Mint at San Francisco in the sum of $1,033.59, payable in 50 ounces proof gold to be forwarded from the Mint at Philadelphia to the Mint at San Francisco, Cal.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 12, 1921.

Treasurer, United States,

(Room 150).

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the U.S. Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to May 4th	6,656,000	690,000	Total coinage close of business May 11th
Week ending May 11	980,000	560,000	325,000
	7,636,000	1,250,000	325,000

Total coinage to May 11th 9,211,000

Respectfully.

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

May 13, 1921.

The Treasurer,

of the United States.

Sir:

It is requested that transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Philadelphia to the Mint at San Francisco of the sum of $52.52, payable in 50 ounces of proof silver to be forwarded to the U.S. Mint, San Francisco, California.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

May 19, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the U.S. Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to May 11th	7,636,000	1,250,000	325,000
Week Ending May 18th	1,100,000	360,000	400,000
	8,736,000	1,610,000	725,000

Total Coinage to May 19, 1921.....$11,071,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 19, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Will you kindly cause to be issued a transfer order transferring from the Mint at San Francisco to the Mint at Philadelphia the following Annual Assay Coins:

Gold	$12,430.00
Silver	2,644.50
	15,074.50

From the Denver Mint silver Annual Assay Coins to the value of $1,795.10 should also be transferred to the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

May 23, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Will you please transfer to Mr. T.W.H. Shanahan, Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, California, $100,000.00 in paper currency for use in making payment for bullion, said amount to be charged to the Bullion Fund Account of Mr. Shanahan.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

May 26, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the United States Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to May 18th	8,736,000	1,610,000	725,000
Week ending May 25th	1,080,000	380,000	525,000
	9,816,000	1,990,000	1,250,000

Total coinage to May 25, 1921 .....$13,056,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

May 27, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Will you please cause transfer order to be issued for transfer of bullion from the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia to the U.S. Assay Office at New York as follows:

50 ounces proof gold, $1,033.59
100 " " silver, 105.04

$1,138.63

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

May 28, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Please cause transfer order to be issued to cover silver bullion valued at $58,606.17, to be transferred from the U.S. Assay Office at New York to the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

June 2, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the United States Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to May 25th	9,816,000	1,990,000	1,250,000
Week ending June 1st	800,000	300,000	500,000
	10,616,000	2,290,000	1,750,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

June 9, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the United States Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to June 1st	10,616,000	2,290,000	1,750,000
Week ending June 8th	1,050,000	430,000	575,000
	11,666,000	2,720,000	2,325,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

June 9, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

For your information I have to advise that early in May the United States mints were authorized, with the approval of the Secretary, to pay out standard silver dollars and other coins of current issue in small amounts, particularly to meet the requests of coin collectors, but that they were directed to not issue them in large amounts to banks.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States,

Sir:

Will you please transfer to T.W.H. Shanahan, Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco $200,000 in currency, to be charged in his bullion fund, to meet his needs in making payments for bullion.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the United States Mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to June 8th	11,666,000	2,720,000	2,325,000
Weed ending June 15th	600,000	200,000	550,000
	12,266,000	2,920,000	2,875,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

June 21, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

I have to request that $500,000 in currency be transferred to the United States Mint at San Francisco, chargeable to the Bullion Fund of T.W.H. Shanahan, Superintendent of that institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

June 21, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Will you kindly advise me as to the desired disposition of coin mentioned in the telegram of which the following is a copy?

"M K New Orleans La 20

Director of the Mint

Washington DC

Received by express from Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas one bag said to contain one hundred dollars mutilated minor silver coins Have no instructions to receive such coins Please advise

L Magruder Assayer in Charge"

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

June 23, 1921.

The Treasurer,

of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic report from the United States Mints as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to June 15th	12,266,000	2,920,000	2,875,000
Week ending June 22nd			550,000
	12,266,000	2,920,000	3,425,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1921.

Treasurer, United States,

Washington.

Sir:

Please transfer to the San Francisco Mint $500,000 in currency, to be charged in the bullion fund account of T. W. H. Shanahan, Superintendent.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

June 29, 1921.

The Treasurer

of the United States,

Sir:

Confirming telephone conversation I have to request that there be furnished Mr. H. L. Glenn, Chairman of the Annual Settlement Committee at the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, at the earliest practicable date, statements of checks paid and balances of all disbursing accounts of T. W. H. Shanahan, Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 30, 1921.

The Treasurer of the United States,

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic report from the United States Mints as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to June 22	12,266,000	2,920,000	3,425,000
Week ending June 29			432,000
	12,266,000	2,920,000	3,857,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

August 5, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic report from the United States Mints as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to June 29	12,266,000	2,920,000	3,857,000
Period ending Aug.3	3,050,000	270,000	750,000
	15,516,000	3,190,000	4,607,000

Respectfully,

M. W. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

August 11, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic report from the United States Mint as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to August 3	15,316,000	3,190,000	4,607,000
Period ending Aug. 10	1,175,000	600,000	450,000
	16,491,000	3,790,000	5,057,000

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

August 11, 1921.

The Treasurer,

of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the United States Mints as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to Aug. 10	16,491,000	3,790,000	5,057,000
Period ending Aug. 17	1,360,000	860,000	550,000
	17,851,000	4,650,000	5,607,000

Respectfully,

Mary M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

August 25, 1921.

The Treasurer,

of the United States,

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the United States Mints as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to Aug. 17	17,851,000	4,650,000	5,507,000
Period ending Aug. 25	1,460,000	1,070,000	475,000
	19,311,000	5,720,000	5,982,000

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

September 1, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the United States Mints as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver
Coined to Aug. 24	19,311,000	5,720,000	5,982,000
Period ending Aug. 31	1,405,000	1,100,000	475,000
	20,716,000	6,820,000	6,457,000

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

September 6, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the United States Mints as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Aug. 31	20,716,000	6,820,000	6,457,000	33,993,000
Period ending Sept. 7	1,135,000	1,000,000	375,000	2,510,000
	21,851,000	7,820,000	6,832,000	36,503,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 13, 1921.

The Treasurer of the United States,

Accounting Division.

Sir:

I have to state that the following named members of the force of the United States Mint at Philadelphia are authorized to sign checks in the absence of the Superintendent.

Fred H. Chaffin, Chief Clerk

Jacob B. Eckfeldt, Assayer

H. D. Coleman, Superintendent, Melting and Refining Department

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

September 15, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the United States Mints as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Sept. 7	21,851,000	7,820,000	6,832,000	36,503,000
Period ending Sept. 14	1,470,000	1,320,000	525,000	3,315,000
	23,321,000	9,140,000	7,357,000	39,818,000

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

September 22, 1921.

The Treasurer,

of the United States.

Sir:

Silver dollars have been coined under the Act of April 23, 1918, per telegraphic reports from the United States Mints as follows:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Sept. 14	23,321,000	9,140,000	7,357,000	39,818,000
Period ending Sept. 21	1,650,000	1,430,000	575,000	3,655,000
	24,971,000	10,570,000	7,932,000	43,473,000

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

September 29, 1921.

The Treasurer
of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business, September 28:-

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Sept.21,	24,971,000	10,570,000	7,932,000	43,473,000
Period ending Sept.28	1,500,000	1,430,000	900,000	3,830,000
	26,471,000	12,000,000	8,832,000	47,303,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

October 6, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business, October 5, 1921:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Sept. 28	26,471,000	12,000,000	8,832,000	47,303,000
Period ending Oct. 5	1,655,000	1,400,000	1,200,000	4,255,000
	28,126,000	13,400,000	10,032,000	51,558,000

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

October 13, 1921

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business, October 12, 1921:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Oct. 5	28,126,000	13,400,000	10,032,000	51,558,000
Period ending Oct. 12	2,425,000	1,500,000	1,200,000	5,125,000
	30,551,000	14,900,000	11,232,000	56,683,000

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

October 20, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business, October 12, 1921:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Oct. 12	30,551,000	14,900,000	11,232,000	56,683,000
Period ending Oct. 19	2,900,000	1,620,000	1,250,000	5,770,000
	33,451,000	16,520,000	12,482,000	62,453,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 27, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business, October 26, 1921:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Oct. 19	33,451,000	16,520,000	12,482,000	62,453,000
Period ending Oct. 26	2,900,000	1,600,000	1,275,000	5,775,000
	36,351,000	18,120,000	13,757,000	68,228,000

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

November 3, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business, November 2, 1921:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Oct. 26	36,351,000	18,120,000	13,757,000	68,228,000
Period ending Nov. 2	3,000,000	1,650,000	1,275,000	5,925,000
	39,351,000	19,770,000	15,032,000	74,153,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

November 10, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business, November 9, 1921:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Nov. 2	39,351,000	19,770,000	15,032,000	74,153,000
Period ending Nov. 9	3,000,000	1,830,000	1,325,000	6,155,000
	42,351,000	21,600,0000	16,357,000	80,308,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

November 16, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Herewith I am transmitting copy of letter dated Nov. 10, 1921 received from the Superintendent of the United States Mint, Philadelphia, suggesting that he be permitted to cash checks drawn against his appropriation balances with funds belonging to the bullion fund.

The method suggested meets with the approval of this office and if satisfactory to you we will be pleased to cooperate in drafting instructions for making it effective.

Would say that if put into operation the plan should be applied also to the United States Mints at San Francisco and Denver and to the United States Assay Office at New York.

Respectfully,

F. Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

November 17, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business, November 16, 1921:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Nov. 9	42,351,000	21,600,000	16,357,000	80,308,000
Period ending Nov. 16	2,000,000	95,000	1,025,000	3,120,000
	44,351,000	21,695,000	17,382,000	83,428,000

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 442

November 25, 1921.

The Treasurer,

of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business November 23, 1921:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Nov. 16	44,351,000	21,695,000	17,382,000	83,428,000
Period ending Nov. 23	289,000	(None)	825,000	1,114,000
	44,640,000	21,695,000	18,207,000	84,542,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

November 30, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

Herewith I am returning correspondence which accompanied your letter of November 7, 1921 concerning a shipment of circulated coin early in October last by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas to the United States Mint at Denver. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter of this date being addressed to the Superintendent of the Denver Mint directing that the entire quantity of the shipment in question, $125.00, be treated as uncurrent coin instead of as mutilated coin in accordance with earlier advices. As stated in letter to the Denver Mint it is considered that in view of all the circumstances in this case such treatment is the only equitable course to pursue.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.

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December 1, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined, under the provisions of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business November 30, 1921:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Nov. 23	44,690,000	21,695,000	18,207,000	84,592,000
Period ending Nov. 30	None	None	325,000	325,000
	44,690,000	21,695,000	18,532,000	84,917,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1921.

The Treasurer,

of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined, under the provisions of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business December 7, 1921.

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Nov. 30	44,690,000	21,695,000	18,532,000	84,917,000
Period ending Dec. 7	None	None	400,000	400,000
	44,690,000	21,695,000	18,932,000	85,317,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 15, 1921.

The Treasurer,

Of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined, under the provisions of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business December 14, 1921:

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to December 7	44,690,000	21,695,000	18,932,000	85,317,000
Period ending Dec. 14	None	None	425,000	425,000
	44,690,000	21,695,000	19,357,000	85,742,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 22, 1921.

The Treasurer
of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars were coined, under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business December 21, 1921:-

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total
Coined to Dec.14	$44,690,000	21,695,000	19,357,000	85,742,000
			400,000	400,000
Period ended Dec.21	44,690,000	21,695,000	19,757,000	86,142,000

Respectfully,

R. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 442

December 29, 1921.

The Treasurer
of the United States.

Sir:

The following number of silver dollars have been coined under the terms of the Act of April 23, 1918, to the close of business December 28, 1921:-

	Philadelphia	San Francisco	Denver	Total.
To Dec.21 ---	44,690,000	21,695,000	19,757,000	86,142,000
To Dec.28 ---	-------	----------	300,000	300,000
	44,690,000	21,695,000	20,057,000	86,442,000

Respectfully.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Budget Officer
1921
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September 5, 1921.

Budget Officer,
Treasury Department,
Through the Chief, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir:

I beg to submit the following in compliance with Treasury Department Circular No. 107, dated September 2, 1921, promulgating Circular No. 29, Bureau of the Budget:

Total definite annual appropriation estimates for the fiscal year 1923	$1,404,290
Total estimated expenditures to be made from balances of other available appropriations	250,000
Total estimated expenditures to be made from available receipts to be deposited in the Treasury	200,000
Total cash expected to be withdrawn from the Treasury in the fiscal year 1923	$1,854,290

Respectfully,

W. W. O'Reilly

F. Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 3, 1921.

Budget Officer,
Treasury Department,
Through the Chief, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.

Sir!

Replying to your Circular letter No. 106 I have to state that an examination of the expenditures made by the field service of this Bureau during the month of June, 1921, does not indicate that there was any abuse of the discretion given purchasing officers in the acquisition of supplies.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 10, 1921.

Budget Officer,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

With reference to first Budget regulations dated July 1, 1921 and report of this office thereunder, authority is requested to change the estimated expenditures and savings under the appropriations for the Deadwood Assay Office as follows: Transfer the estimated savings under the salaries appropriation to the wages appropriation, making no change in either total expenditures or total saving for the institution. These items would then read:

	Est. Expenditure	Est. Saving
Salaries, Assay Office at Deadwood, 1922	$4,000	$ 0
Wages of Workmen, do	400	1,600

Authority is also requested to use under the appropriation "Wages of Workmen Assay Office, New York, 1922," the estimated saving of $20,200 contained in the report above-mentioned. At the time of making the report the imports of gold had shown material falling off, indicating the possibility of an early reduction of the extra force of employees essential to meet the situation. Since that time the large volume of deposits at the Assay Office due to imports has been resumed, necessitating the continuance of the extra force, as well as much overtime, and the indications are that the estimated savings can not be made. In view of these conditions the authority of the Secretary was recently given to waive the monthly apportionment of expenditures under the appropriation mentioned. If the conditions as above mentioned continue throughout the year it is probable that a deficit in the appropriation may result rather than a saving, also that the estimated savings under the contingent appropriation of the New York Assay Office will be required to meet necessary expenses for fuel and other supplies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Statement of Estimated Receipts and Expenditures

Fiscal Year 1922 and 1923.

MINT AND ASSAY SERVICE

	Fiscal Years 1922	1923
Estimated Expenditures-- (Based upon cash payments from the Treasury during each of the fiscal years from appropriations for said years, and also payments from available balances of prior year appropriations. This is same basis as figures were rendered for 1923 under Circulars 29 and 30).		
Salaries, Office of Director of the Mint	23,680	23,620
Freight on bullion and coin	10,000	10,000
Contingent expenses, office of Director of Mint	7,000	7,000
Salaries, field offices	237,050	268,650
Wages of Workmen, field offices	764,700	759,620
Contingent expenses, field offices	327,900	330,400
Special Fund:Charges on silver dollar bullion sold	253,000	230,000
Total	1,623,330	1,634,290
Estimated deductions covering the transfer of 2½ % of personal service compensation to the Civil Service Retirement Fund	23,000	24,000
Estimated receipts.		
Profits on coinage	18,000,000	12,000,000
Proceeds of Sale of Government Property	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous items	498,000	498,000

September 13, 1921.

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 14, 1921.

Budget Officer,
Treasury Department,
(Thru Chief, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.)

Sir:

Following is report rendered in compliance with Circular Letter No. 104 bringing attention to Budget Order No. 24 dated August 22, 1921, of cash disbursements by field offices of the Mint Service during July and August, 1921:

	For Salaries.	For other Expenses.
July	$14,824.55	$115,956.56
August	$20,820.34	$170,911.01

No additions have been made to the "General Reserve".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 13, 1921.

Budget Officer,
Treasury Department,
(Thru Chief, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants.)

Sir:

Following is report rendered in compliance with Circular Letter No. 104 bringing attention to Budget Order No. 24 dated August 22, 1921, of cash disbursements by field offices of the Mint service during September, 1921:

For Salaries.	For other Expenses.
$18,210.69	$200,353.47

No additions have been made to the "General Reserve."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 14, 1921.

Budget Officer,
Treasury Department,
(Thru Chief, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)

Sir:

Following is report rendered in compliance with Circular letter No. 104 bringing attention to Budget Order No. 24 dated August 22, 1921, of cash disbursements by field offices of the Mint service during October, 1921:

For Salaries.	For other Expenses.
$16,326.04	$194,491.39

No additions have been made to the "General Reserve."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 14, 1921.

Budget Officer,
Treasury Department,
(Thru Chief, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants)

Sir:

Following is report of cash disbursements by field offices of the Mint service during November 1921, rendered in compliance with Circular Letter No. 104 bringing to attention Budget Order No. 24 dated August 22, 1921;

For Salaries.	For other Expenses.
$20,716.99	$226,281.40

No additions have been made to the "General Reserve."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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